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Local trails see second fatality of season

A snowmobile accident in Grayling early Friday evening took the life of a downstate man. It was the second snowmobile-related fatality in Crawford County this season.

On December 22, 2003 a 19-year old Troy man died following a crash on the Blue Bear Trail in Frederic Township. Excessive speed was determined to have been a factor in that accident.

According to Crawford

County Sheriff's Sgt. Randy Baerlocher, the crash occurred just after 7 p.m. on January 16 on Game Club Road at the intersection of Simpson Lake Road, just south of the Grayling Holiday Inn.

Edmund Lee Hayes, 51 of Taylor, was reported to be driving a friend's 2002 Polaris snowmobile south on Game Club Road at a high rate of speed when he apparently failed to notice the dead end at the

entrance to the Grayling Game Club.

Baerlocher said the snowmobile went airborne after hitting a snowbank, then struck an oak tree near the game club sign.

Hayes was found dead upon arrival of emergency services at the scene. Alcohol is not believed to have been a factor in the accident, however a preliminary investigation of the crash has led the Sheriff's Office to believe Hayes' frosted or

fogged helmet shield and speed were the contributing factors in the accident.

Baerlocher said Sheriff's personnel were assisted by personnel from the Michigan State Police Post in Houghton Lake, Grayling Police Department, Michigan Department of Natural Resources law enforcement, Mobile Medical Response, Beaver Creek Fire and Rescue, and Grayling City and Township Fire and Rescue.



Photo courtesy of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office

With plenty of new snow, many snowmobile enthusiasts are using the trail system in Crawford County. Unfortunately, two snowmobile-related deaths have occurred in the county already this season. The latest near the Grayling Game Club, at Simpson Lake Road.

Library Board appoints interim director

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Library Board of Directors stood firm last Friday on its decision to begin searching for a new director following the non-renewal of the former director's contract.

Edward Elsner's contract expired January 13. The Board opted not to review his contract for renewal at its January 8 regular meeting.

At a special meeting held January 16, Board members heard from a variety of people regarding Elsner's departure from the library system.

Representing the Friends of Crawford County Libraries, Treasurer Shirley Schmooch told the Board her organization feels "the action or non-action taken was short-sighted" and said the group would ask that formal negotiations be opened with Elsner regarding his contract.

According to Schmooch and a letter submitted by the Friends, the organization is considering withdrawal of its financial support of the library, "but it's really up to the members." Friends of the Library spearheaded the successful millage campaign that resulted in the construction of the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library in Grayling.

Judge Alton T. Davis, Chief Judge of the 46th Circuit Trial Court, told the Board the courts have always been supportive of the library systems in each of the counties the unified court serves.

"Our libraries are a precious resource," he said and called the Devereaux Library the "crown jewel" in the Crawford County community.

"The abruptness took me by surprise," Judge Davis said after reading in the *Avalanche* of Elsner's non-renewal. "It was my perception that the librarian was doing well and the library was functioning really well. But you know how rumors are, a match flame can turn into a prairie fire."

Davis suggested the Board look into taking advantage of the court's community mediation services, which has a very high success rate.

Library patron Cathy Lester said the public in general seems to feel Elsner was doing a good job, especially with children's programs. "I think he made the public more interested in coming to the library," she said. "Maybe the board feels some things Edward did were unprofessional, I don't know. But maybe the public has the impression that the board's actions were unprofessional."

Lester added she agreed with Judge Davis and Schmooch that mediation or negotiations be given a chance. Steve and Karen Langseth also voiced their concerns in favor of negotiations.

Library Board President Ray Priebe, Jr. asked for a motion from the board to go into mediation with Elsner.

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Schools' community survey results are in

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

At a special Crawford AuSable School District (CASD) Board of Education workshop held January 15, the board learned the results of the community survey conducted during November.

The survey, conducted by the Marketing Research and Planning Council of Central Michigan University, was designed to find out how the residents of the school district felt about the school and how effectively it lets the community know what is going on in the schools.

The survey also asked the respondents their preferences for budget cuts, measured the support for a bond issue for additional gym facilities, assessed residents' reaction to closing Frederic Elementary and identified any topics of concern.

Four hundred four residents (214 women, 190 men) were surveyed by telephone. Over 72 percent of the respondents have had at least some college classes. One hundred forty-eight respondents have children currently

attending school in the district.

Respondents were asked to rate the school in the areas of science, technology, math, writing, vocational skills and reading. Each category received a rating greater than four on a five point scale with 5 being excellent.

Using the same five point scale, respondents rated each school level (elementary, middle school and high school) very highly for their safe school environment, quality of facilities, quality of staff, quality of curriculum and the variety of programs they offer. All rankings exceeded four on the five point scale.

Respondents rated the school as average in communicating issues to the residents of the district.

When it came to budget cuts, there was not a lot of agreement among the respondents. The greatest agreement was that reading, math, science and social studies should be spared from cuts. However, nearly as many people said budget cuts should be made across the board.

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Kaiser named 2003 Citizen of the Year

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Therese Kaiser received a big surprise last Friday when about a dozen of her family and friends joined her co-workers at Huntington Bank in Grayling for a special little ceremony honoring her as the 2003 Citizen of the Year.

Kaiser was presented with her plaque by the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce's Board Chairman Dennis Palmer after it was learned she would not be in town for the January 21 Business After Hours ceremony which also includes the presentation of the Athena Award and Silver Lining Award.

Kaiser was recognized most importantly for her development and 10 years of work with the Crawford AuSable Community Thanksgiving Dinner, and her work as Chairperson of the AuSable River Festival Parade, with Habitat for Humanity, Relay for Life and other community services.

The Athena Award and Silver Lining Award will be presented at Business After Hours, sponsored by the Grayling Kiwanis Club, at The Ole Barn.



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

Chamber Board Chairman Dennis Palmer reads the inscription from a plaque he presented to Therese Kaiser, the 2003 Citizen of the Year. Kaiser was presented the award the afternoon of January 16 when officials learned she would be out of town during the formal ceremony at the January 21 Business After Hours.

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'Grandma' has retired



Flo Lucksted, who has worked for the school district since September 1977, retired last Friday. She is shown with a few of the gifts and tokens of esteem from her peers and the children at AuSable Primary.

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

Monday, January 19, 2004. There's something very different at AuSable Primary School today. A familiar face is missing. Flo Lucksted, who worked as a special education paraprofessional for many years, retired last Friday, January 16.

Although she worked primarily with a few children, she was known to all because she acted as a hall monitor and recess supervisor. Many children at the

school think of her as "Grandma." She always had a smile and a kind word for everyone in the building.

AuSable Primary Principal Barbara Mick said Lucksted was always open to new ideas and faced every challenge with a smile. Mick said it was obvious she genuinely loved her job and the children. The principal said she suspects Lucksted may show up as an occasional volunteer sometime later this year.

Special education teacher Brenda Vaughan said Lucksted always knew how to get the best out of the students. She always saw the potential in each child and found something they could do well. She worked with the most challenging students and always found a way to get them to understand.

Lucksted was given a luncheon on her last day. Included in the luncheon was a card from every person in the building. She was also given a surprise retirement party by her family on January 17.

See Mary Liz McNamara come 'Unhinged'

Tickets are selling fast for the Command Performance Dinner Series event featuring "hometown girl" Mary Liz McNamara on Thursday, January 29 at the Holiday Inn in Grayling.

Although the repertoire of her vocal performance has not yet been announced, the name McNamara has given it may lend a clue - "Unhinged: The Songs of Mary Liz McNamara."

Mary Liz has been performing her own plays in places like New York City, San Francisco and Los Angeles, entertaining audiences with offerings such as, "Three Sisters - The Act" and "Why I Quit Theatre."

Mary Liz is the daughter of Larry and Mo McNamara, of Grayling and a graduate of Grayling High School.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English and Theater from the University of Michigan and a Master's Degree in Education from Rutgers University. She holds certifications as a rehabilitation counselor, medical case manager, and as a cognitive therapist.

She lives in New Jersey with her husband, Rick, and sons Casey and Noah, but is bringing her talents home for this dinner performance on January



Mary Liz McNamara will be coming home to Grayling for a performance on Thursday, January 29 at the Holiday Inn.

29. A limited amount of tickets are still available at Flowers by Josie, while supplies last. Cost is \$27.50 and includes tax and tip.

Dinner entrees include sirloin steak and skewered shrimp or vegetable chicken primavera, plus side dishes, dessert and a non-alcoholic beverage. A cash bar will be available.

Doors open at 6 p.m., with

dinner served at 6:30 p.m. in the Evergreen Room at the Holiday Inn.

For more information, call 348-7146.

This event is presented by the Grayling Promotional Association Community Cultural Events in partnership with area businesses and corporations and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

COA Board approves new job description

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

At a special meeting of the Crawford County Commission on Aging (COA), its Board of Directors examined contract language for the position of executive director.

A contract, drawn up by Crawford County Controller Paul Compo acting as a consultant for the COA, was presented to the board. It is the distillation of several contracts for COA directors around the state. The board voted unanimously to

accept this contract.

The contract, in part, states the executive director - under the direction of the COA board - will plan, promote, direct and evaluate a variety of programs for the senior population of Crawford County. The contract also lists 17 essential functions of the director.

The employment qualifications for the executive director include a bachelor's degree preferred in business administration, public administration, gerontology, social work or related area.

In addition, two to five years of professional experience in a human services field is desired.

Other requirements include the ability to use computers, make public presentations, and communicate effectively in writing.

An advertisement for the new executive director will be placed in area newspapers as well as on the Internet.

The board recommended that universities and funding agencies who work with senior citizens should be asked to put it on their web sites as well.

Frederic women named to Tribal Council

In November 2003, former Frederic resident Audrey (Kequom) Falcon and Michele Stanley, currently of Frederic, were elected to serve on the Tribal Council of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Mount Pleasant.

On December 2, 2003 the two were sworn into office.

Falcon was then chosen by vote of the 12 council members to serve as Tribal Chief. Stanley was sworn in as the At-Large Council Member representing all members not living on the reservation or in the Saginaw area.

Both women will be serving a two-year term.

Following the ceremony, Chief Falcon was heard commenting, "We are just two chicks from Frederic."



Photo courtesy of Martha VanNuck

Former Frederic Township resident, Audrey Falcon (left) was recently sworn in as Tribal Chief of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Mt. Pleasant. Frederic resident, Michele Stanley (right) was sworn in as the At-Large Council Member.

Donations making life easier at animal shelter

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County, Inc. recently received a donation from Grayling resident George Gingerick of over \$4,000 in materials to erect metal roofs over the outdoor dog kennels. The donation was made in memory of his wife, Nancy.

"We at the shelter are very grateful for this gift from Mr. Gingerick and for allowing us the opportunity to improve the facilities," said Shelter Board President Sharon Priebe.

"Since all the dogs are now in large kennels with igloo houses

and no longer on chains attached to the perimeter fences, roofs will provide the dogs relief from the sun, snow and rain."

The Shelter Board had intended to recruit volunteers from the community to help build and install the roofs in the spring, but with confirmation the Crawford County Road Commission will not be renewing the shelter's lease past January 1, 2005, the Board will be considering the feasibility of waiting to install the roofs in a new location, however the welfare of the dogs will be the top priority.

Also, earlier this month, the shelter received a donation of \$1,000 from George Hall, also of Grayling.

This gift will greatly help pay for this winter's increasing heat and electric bills now that there are two buildings housing animals, said Shelter Vice President Dixie Lobsinger.

A mobile home donated by Ray Swiercz, a gift of \$2,000 from Sue Louchart and a contribution from Grayling Township in 2002 has made life much easier for the cats that come to the shelter, said Lobsinger.

Higgins Lake man dies in traffic crash

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Houghton Lake are investigating a fatal traffic accident that occurred just before noon on January 15 on M-55, just east of Federal Avenue.

Killed in the accident was Albert Marquardt, 92 of Higgins Lake.

According to police Marquardt was driving east on M-55 in the right lane, east of Federal Avenue. Upon passing a vehicle traveling in the left lane, Marquardt attempted to pull into the left lane, but lost control of his vehicle and crossed the center line into the westbound lanes of

M-55.

His vehicle was struck in the driver's side by a vehicle traveling in the left lane of westbound traffic.

Troopers have determined that speed and icy road conditions were contributing factors in the accident.

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CARE Night is this Saturday!

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

The 2004 Crawford County United Way CARE Night Auction is fast approaching. This fun-filled evening of live auctioning, door prizes and bucket raffles is one of the organization's major annual fundraisers and everyone is encouraged to attend.

This year, Clayton Cannis, of Horrocks Auctioneering, Inc. in Cheboygan, will provide professional calling, making the event even more entertaining and fast-paced than ever before. Cannis has 30 years of experience in real estate and liquidation auctions.

Some of the items up for bid this Saturday, January 24 at the Knights of Columbus Hall are:

A hot air balloon ride for four over Traverse City, a Detroit Red Wings' hockey puck autographed by goalie Curtis Joseph, a Lake Michigan sailing cruise, NASCAR collectibles, Super Bowl party baskets, a Grayling High School Varsity jacket, a microwave oven, a poolside room for party of 10 to 15, dog grooming services, automotive services, a casino package, homemade cheesecakes, Pie of the Month, and more.

There truly is something for everyone's budget and fancy.

In addition to dozens of items donated for bidding, some local

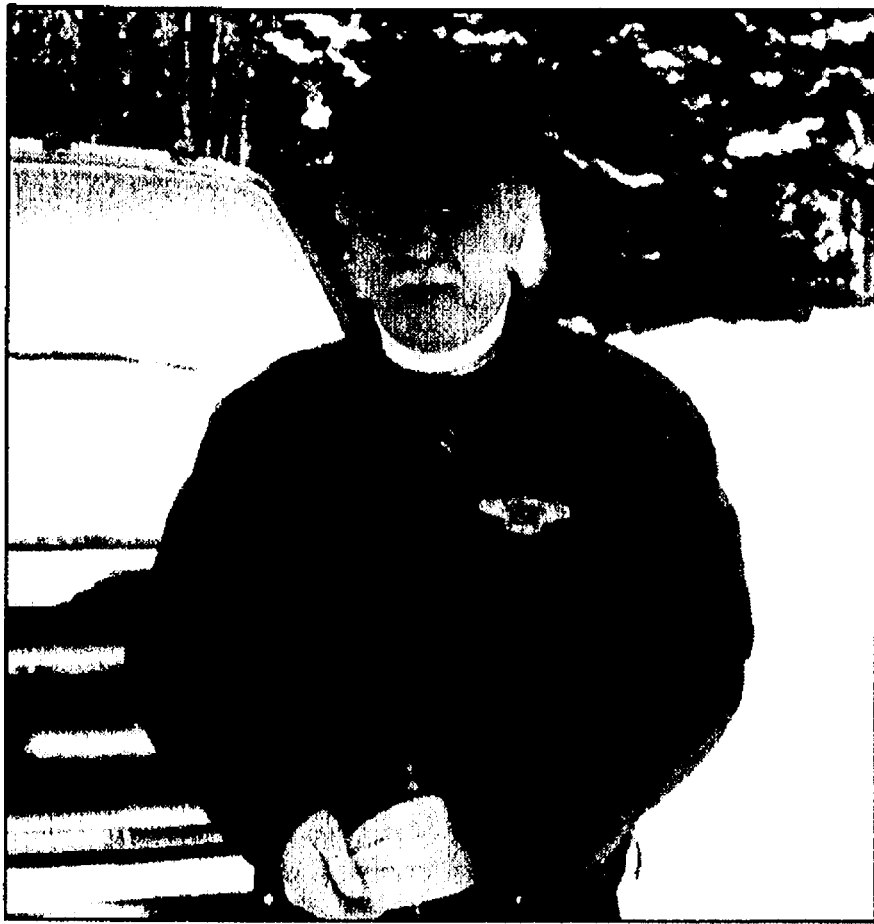


Photo courtesy of the Crawford County United Way

Auctioneer Clayton Cannis will be calling the bidding this Saturday night at the 2004 United Way CARE Night Auction. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

celebrities are auctioning their "special services" to the highest bidder. These auction items will be kept a secret until auction night.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and admission is \$5 per person. A cash bar and food will be available. Bring your cash or your checkbook and get ready for some fun and competition to get the winning bid on some terrific

merchandise, outings, and services.

Remember, with every winning bid, you help the many local agencies served by the Crawford County United Way continue to serve those in need in our community.

The Knights of Columbus Hall is located on Norway Street in Grayling, across the street from DuBois Lumber.

Baynham sworn in as Township Clerk

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

Sandra Baynham was sworn in by Supervisor Mark Kniss following the January 13 regular meeting of the Maple Forest Township Board of Trustees.

Baynham's appointment came after the position was advertised following the unexpected death in December of longtime Clerk Susan Keene.

Baynham, who has been a Trustee since July 1992, began her new duties immediately.

Office hours will remain the same as before, but Baynham said after she gets some experience on the job she may begin holding some evening hours.

With her acceptance of the Clerk position, there is now an opening on the Township Board for a new Trustee.



Photo by Susan Warrington

Sandra Baynham was sworn in January 13 as Maple Forest Township Clerk by Supervisor Mark Kniss.

Animal Shelter's lease to expire at end of '04

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County, which currently leases property for its facility from the Crawford County Road Commission, will likely have to relocate by the end of 2004 due to the expiration of its lease.

At last Thursday's Road Commission Board meeting, the board voted 3-0 to reaffirm its decision not to renew the lease at the end of the year.

Board Chairman Ken Riehle said he had been approached by a member of the Animal Shelter Board about the possibility of extending the lease. After discussion, the Road Commission Board voted 3-0 to notify the shelter that the lease would not be extended.

In 2001, the two boards signed a five-year lease agreement for the Animal Shelter property. The lease was retroactive to January 2000 to cover years in which

there had not been an official lease agreement in place. (The shelter pays \$1 per year for the property lease.)

The lease agreement expires at the end of 2004, and according to an addendum made to the lease in January of 2002, "The Lessee has been informed by the Lessor that the Subject Lease will not be extended beyond its maturity date of January 1, 2005."

The Animal Shelter Board is now looking into its options with regard to a new location.

and construct new facilities before it could relocate.

"There are a lot of questions," Babcock said.

Road Commission officials are currently looking into the bond situation involving the Road Commission's office building. Since some municipal bonds can not be paid off early, the Road Commission must confirm the status of its bonds before it can even consider a potential sale of the property. Babcock said the "preliminary findings show that won't be an issue."

Last Monday's special meeting included about 30 minutes of open discussion and 20 minutes of executive session. The businessmen declined to name the potential business venture, Babcock said.

At last Thursday's regular Road Commission board meeting, board members said their outlook for now is "everything's for sale" if the price is right, and they will see what happens.

Road Commission approached on possible land deal

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Road Commission has been approached about the possibility of selling its property to an undisclosed retailer for the purpose of an unidentified potential "future business venture."

At a special meeting on Monday, January 12, the Road Commission Board and managing director met with City Manager Allen Lowe and two businessmen about the possibility of the Road Commission selling its property.

"Whether we're interested or not, I really don't know," Road Commission Managing Director Don Babcock said. "We would definitely make sure it costs us nothing out of our pocket to relocate."

Babcock said it would take a significant amount of time and money (probably somewhere in the millions) to move, since the Road Commission would have to find a suitable piece of property

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State of MI Flag	Tony Stamas	Gift box of office supplies	The Copy Shop
Dinner for 2 at Willows	Little River Casino Resort	\$50 gift card	Riverland Gear
LRCR regular Room	Little River Casino Resort	\$25 gift Certificate	Mercy Hospital
Crizal eyeglasses	Dr. Mark Noss	\$25 gift Certificate	Mercy Hospital
Car detailing package	Hart Pontiac	\$100 Cash donation	Grayling Mini Mall
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Parka Size 20	Northern Tails Pet Groomer	Autographed photo of Brandon Inge catcher from the Detroit Tigers	Detroit Tigers
Legends desk	Hometown Furniture	3 Grooming Sets	A Cut Above
Car Battery	Showtime Collision	\$50 Gift Card (Riverland)	AuSable Eye Care
Balloon Ride for 4	NCACU & Grayling Mini Mall	2 Kayak Paddles	Carlisle Paddle
Dre Bly Autographed Jersey	Detroit Lions	3 Clocks & 3 Plaques	AuSable Woodworking
2 Hours of Excavating	Hal's Masonry	Tire Rotation & Balance	Upper Lake Tire
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1 month membership	Hard Bodyz	2 orange safety vest	ROOC, Inc
1 month Unlimited Tanning	Hard Bodyz	3 Child Shield, USA Safety Kits	Northern Marketing
1 night stay	Days Inn	4 oil changes	Scott McNamara Ford
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\$100 cash donation	Carey & Jaskowski, PLLC	2 cases of chips	Lange Vending
\$100 cash donation	Bloomquist & Associates	Tool Kit	DuBois Lumber
\$100 cash donation	Law Office of Monte Burmeister	4 Large Pizzas	BC Pizza
Bicycle	Scheer Motors	Microwave Oven	Mark & Cheryl Ruley
Downhill ski Membership - Family Hanson Hills GRA	2 canoe passes	46ft ocean yacht excursion w/snacks Dinner & limo ride to & from location	Terry's Sports Center/Sledheads of Frederic
Master Gardener Class	4H-MSU Extension	Gift Survival Package	John Hunt
\$100 Gift Certificate	Davis Jewelers	Canoes Certificates	Ray's Canoeing & Fly Factory
Bath & Brush Grooming for dog	Milltown Groomers	Plane ride for 2 to Mac Bridge expires 7/04	Del Sheldon
Bath & Brush Grooming for cat	Milltown Groomers	Sauder Mahogany colored TV stand	Rosemary Patrick
Varsity Jacket	Sylvester's	Homemade Quilt	Joshua's
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\$50 gift certificate	Wendy's		

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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Crystal ball is cloudy for 2004 predictions

THE SWAMI who guides The Almanack in this annual rite of self abasement -- making predictions -- reluctantly loaned us his crystal ball so we can see what's in store for 2004. Unfortunately his crystal ball is very, very cloudy.

But first, how did we do for 2003? Not very good at all.

As forecast, Gov. Jennifer Granholm faced wave upon wave of budget cuts, which did not really solve budget problems. But she did not propose new taxes -- except for a temporary halt in a scheduled income tax cut, nor did the legislature agree to new taxes.

The U.S. Supreme Court split on the University of Michigan race-based admission formulas, sort of, while I predicted they would dump both of them.

The Almanack expected Sens. John Edwards and Joe Lieberman to lead the Democratic pack for president at year's end. Clearly, I did not foresee Gov. Howard Dean as a serious contender.

I predicted the Dow Jones average would hit 9,000, but that was too cautious; it's still over 10,000.

But as I predicted, Osama bin Laden is still at large.

In sports, I really fell flat: The Yankees lost the World Series, the Red Wings didn't get close to the Stanley Cup, Michigan won the Big Ten football title, MSU made the Elite Eight in NCAA basketball, and the Detroit Tigers lost more than 100 games. I missed them all.

Jennifer Lopez and Ben Affleck did not marry in 2003; I was right on that one, but otherwise for the year, Almanack predictions did not score well. Regardless, here goes for 2004.

IN PRESIDENTIAL politics, the crystal ball is so murky I shiver to predict anything. The Democratic race defies clear analysis. The Iowa caucuses didn't clear up much, nor will the New Hampshire primary. Michigan's February 7 caucuses will be significant.

Here's a very, very shaky nod for Howard Dean to win both Michigan's caucus, and the nomination, although he may fade in later running with either Sen. John Kerry or Sen. John Edwards finally winning the race -- but I'm not willing to bet on any of them.

President George Bush is not a shoo in for reelection. He didn't win the popular vote in 2000, and plenty of folks are stirred up by the Iraq war itself, and how it's developing -- maybe enough to deny Mr. Bush a second term. However, the Bush campaign will have unmatched money to pay for a monster campaign.

The national economy will play a big role in the minds of voters. Its political effect depends on personal experience. While stock values go up, jobs still are being lost every week.

Only because tradition dictates a prediction, here's a very shaky nod to Mr. Bush. Again, no bets on this one, either.

CLOSER TO HOME, Gov.

Granholm will have another tough year wrestling with the Republican legislature about money. More cuts in services are in store. New taxes will be offered but not approved by the legislature.

The affirmative action amendment will be on the November ballot, and will be adopted. Limiting partial birth abortion also will be approved. The GOP will win the state house of representatives again.

All Michigan congressional incumbents will be re-elected. In the only open seat (as of now), outgoing Rep. Nick Smith will be replaced by another Republican. With six or eight candidates in a wide open primary, anything can happen. The most likely winner in a close race is former state Sen. John Schwarz of Battle Creek.

Meanwhile, Osama bin Laden in 2004 will finally be found.

MOVING TO the toy department, the Chicago Cubs will win over the Boston

Red Sox in the World Series.

The Red Wings will bring home the Stanley Cup, and the Detroit Lions will be improved, winning half their games. The Detroit Tigers won't win half their games, but they won't lose 100 games, either.

The Michigan Wolverines will dominate Big Ten football, and challenge for the national title. The MSU football Spartans will win more than they lose, and go to another second rate bowl. Both U of M and MSU basketball teams will make the NCAA tournament in 2004.

Britney Spears will be married, again, but Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez won't.

That's it for this time around. Check back next year... and laugh.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

VIEWPOINT

Submitted by Jana Tuck, Grayling Postmaster, U.S. Postal Service

Mailbox vandalism: a crime that affects everyone

You've seen it at the movies. For years, it was considered a "rite of passage," teens leaning from their car windows, smashing mailboxes along the way. And unless their own mailbox was destroyed, most people thought it really wasn't any big deal.

That isn't true anymore. Mailbox vandalism using explosives can destroy mailboxes and people's lives. Unfortunately, mailbox vandalism has increased and it is no laughing matter.

The so called "McGuiver Bomb" that explodes after several minutes when chemicals are mixed in a pop bottle is the latest act of mailbox vandalism that can result in serious injury.

If you see anything suspicious in your mailbox, call local authorities immediately.

The good news is that people are taking the crime -- and it is a crime -- more seriously. Four members of a high school football team in this country were taken into custody after confessing to mailbox vandalism, using either baseball bats or pipe bombs. Fortunately, nobody was hurt by the bombs -- described as powerful enough to kill or cause serious injury.

In the south, a man in a rural area used technology to solve a festering problem with vandalism that had reached what authorities call "epidemic proportions."

After losing seven mailboxes to mailbox bashers over a two-

week span, he set up a video camera that captured two 16-year old high school students banging the box off its post and then stealing the mail. Arrested a short time later, they denied the act until confronted with the videotaped evidence.

Rural and suburban mailboxes are most vulnerable to vandalism, according to Postal inspectors, because they are usually isolated and frequently not visible to the owners from their homes. Since mailboxes are considered federal property, crimes against them are considered a federal offense.

Violators can be fined up to \$10,000 and imprisoned for up to 10 years for each act of vandalism. If someone is injured, the penalties are even more severe.

If you have information on mailbox vandalism or mail theft in your area, contact the local authorities and the Inspection Service.

Parents -- make an effort to stop mailbox vandalism before it starts. If you have teenagers in your home, let them know the penalties for vandalism, and that the Postal Service is aggressive about prosecution.

If you see anyone with suspicious materials, such as chemicals, explosives, baseball bats or the like, make an effort to stop the vandalism. A so-called "harmless prank" can ruin lives. Then it will be too late to get involved.

It's the least we can do

To the editor,

As the world rang in the new year 2004, American fighting men and women marked their third consecutive year in harm's way, fighting terrorism, at home and abroad. Sadly, too many of our nation's children have lost a parent in this enduring struggle against evil. These parents shall never have the opportunity to see their children through school and into adulthood.

Regrettably, the casualties of war continue.

It behooves all of us as citizens of a grateful nation to say "thank you" in a very meaningful way.

The American Legion has established the American Legacy Scholarship for children of members of America's armed forces who died while on active duty on or after September 11, 2001.

We know that meeting the cost of a college education can be difficult for the average household. But it is a major financial burden for one-parent families. The brave Americans who sacrificed their lives in the battle against terrorism are heroes. We have an obligation to help their children

reap the benefits of higher education as they become the future leaders of our nation.

Children of active duty military and federalized Guard and Reserve personnel, killed on active duty on or after September 11, 2001 are eligible.

As Abraham Lincoln said, "... to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan..." The American Legion is proud to continue that legacy.

To obtain a scholarship application, visit the Legion's web site at www.legion.org, click on "community" or send a self-addressed stamped business size (#10) envelope to: American Legacy Scholarship, The American Legion, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

To contribute to the American Legacy Scholarship fund, send your donation to: The American Legacy Scholarship Fund at the above address. Contributions may be tax deductible.

It's the least we can do.

John Brieden
National Commander
The American Legion

January is School Board Recognition Month

To the editor,

This month of January marks the annual observance of School Board Recognition Month -- a time to salute the work of school board members and celebrate public education.

The theme of this year's celebration, "School Board Members Lead So Students Succeed," reflects our combined commitment to leadership and accountability, assuring that all children succeed.

In the COOR Intermediate School District (ISD) area, school board members must develop policies and make tough decisions on complex education issues, which impact the entire community. They bear responsibility for annual budgets, students, employees and school buildings. They carry out the truest form of representative government in our democracy -- volunteer public service, and preserve the core of our democratic land -- public education.

I invite you to recognize and celebrate the work of your

school trustees. Invite them out for coffee. Ask how you might help support your local neighborhood schools. Write your school board members a "thank you" note. Let them know you appreciate what they do for kids in the COOR ISD area.

The men and women serving the districts within the COOR ISD are:

Crawford AuSable School District Board of Education -- William Dean, Lewis Madill, John Pilon, Carol Ramaswamy, Marilyn Rosi, Karl Schreiner, and James Tobin.

COOR Intermediate School District Board of Education -- Lois Byrd (Roscommon), Robert Carpenter (Mio), Bernadine Dosch (Grayling), William Langendorfer (West Branch), Roderick Martin (Houghton Lake), Nancy Persing (Grayling), and Larry Roggow (Mio).

Robert Jones
Superintendent
COOR ISD

Coach should not lose job due to union contract

To the editor,

I would like to commend my mother, Tanya Wolcott, on a job well done and let the community know how disappointed I am with the Crawford AuSable School District.

Tanya has been an employee of the district for 11 years. She has devoted endless hours not only to her job, but also to Grayling athletics. And, trust me, I know the time she has devoted. She is a role model for children and she interacts with them on a daily basis.

Recently, Tanya was notified that she would be losing her middle school volleyball coaching job, the program that she started about three years ago.

The reasoning for this is that the union thinks that it's best for teachers to coach the children, so they came up with this brilliant idea that any teacher can take a coaching position from any non-

teacher. This is the craziest idea I've ever heard. Tanya has a college education to do what she does, just like the teachers.

I am outraged to see the district treat my mother this way after all she has done to benefit our schools, athletics and community. It turned over her coaching job to some teacher who recently entered the district, who has no interaction with middle school students and honestly cannot teach the fundamentals of volleyball.

I think I am going to have to side with the students of Grayling Middle School and their signs that read, "Boycott for Wolcott." And, I hope the district is proud of the hurt they have inflicted on my mother and many students. It is actions like this that ruin our athletics. Is this what you want to do?

Arica D'Amour
Grayling

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AVALANCHE DEADLINES

Community Briefs items submitted to the *Crawford County Avalanche* must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, for consideration in that week's issue. Use of the Brief column is on a first come, first served basis.

Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

Handwritten items must

also have ample space between each line; on lined paper use every other line.

Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.

Classified display ads must be turned in by Monday noon.

Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday at 5 p.m.

BRIEFS

New 4-H Computer Club forming

The Crawford County 4-H office is taking registrations for a new computer club open to all students, sixth grade and above. The focus of the club will be on hardware-building and maintaining a computer. Beginning February 3, the club will meet on Tuesdays in the basement of the courthouse, from 3:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. The cost is \$20 to join. For more information, visit the MSU Extension 4-H Office in the basement of the courthouse, or call 344-3266. Students are asked to register by Monday, January 26.

2004 Relay for Life now organizing

The local Relay for Life campaign committee will hold its organizational meeting for 2004 on Thursday, January 29 at 5:30 p.m. at Grayling Nursing Centre, 331 Meadows Drive in Grayling. Anyone interested in participating in this annual event to raise money for cancer research is urged to attend this important meeting.

'Capitol Report' returns to CMU TV

CMU Public Television presents a weekly half-hour series each Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. called "Capitol Report," featuring one-on-one interviews with different state officials each week. CMU Public Radio news director, David Nicholas, serves as the program's host. CMU Public Television includes WCML Channel 6 Alpena, WCMV Channel 27 Cadillac, and Channel 46 Traverse City.

Forestry education program offered

MSU Extension is offering a Sustainable Forestry Education training program for logging contractors, foresters, and landowners entitled, "Basic Equipment Maintenance and Safety" on Tuesday, January 27, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Georgia Pacific Training Center, Entrance N-4, 2212 Dickerson Road in Gaylord. There is no charge to attend the classes and a minimum of five must be enrolled or the program will be cancelled. To register, please call the MSUE Crawford County office at (989) 344-3263 or (989) 344-3281; or register on-line at www.msue.msu.edu/crawford/sfe.htm. Registration deadline is noon on Monday, January 26.

Child care provider grants now available

EQUIP Grants are available for both non-profit and for profit child care programs.

The grants range from \$500 to \$3,500 to licensed or registered child care providers, offered through Michigan 4C Association.

EQUIP grant trainings are being offered in northeast Michigan by Child and Family

Services 4C.

An EQUIP (Enhanced Quality Improvement Program) grant training will be held at Michigan Works on January 26, between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

For more information or if interested in attending, call Nancie Kersey at (989) 344-5144 or (989) 731-3140 before January 23.

Free one-day snowmobile safety school offered

Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies Jason Alexander and Randy Herman will conduct two separate complimentary Snowmobile Safety Schools on Saturday, January 31.

The schools will be held at the Sheriff's Office, 200 West Michigan Avenue in Grayling, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Participants should be at least 12 years of age.

A lunch break will be held and Sheriff Kirk Wakefield suggests all participants bring a bag lunch and beverage.

Upon successful completion of the school, participants will receive a Michigan Snowmobile Safety School Certificate.

Class size is limited to the first 40 participants. Pre-register by calling the Sheriff's Office at (989) 344-3213.

Tickets for 2004 Republican Lincoln Day Dinner on sale

The Crawford County Republican Party will host its annual Lincoln Day Dinner on Tuesday, February 17 at Skyline Ski and Country Club. Tickets are \$25 each.

The buffet dinner includes salad bar, prime rib of beef, broiled walleye, oven roasted potatoes, green beans almondine, dessert, and soft drinks during the dinner hour.

Social hour begins at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. A cash bar will be available.

Tickets may be purchased through Jim Minthorn at 348-1002 (after 6 p.m.), Sandy Moore at 348-2154 (please leave a message), Sharon Hartman at 275-4126 (please leave a message), Art Thayer at 348-7253, or at Riverland Gear, 122 East Michigan Avenue in Grayling, phone 344-0047.

Skyline Ski and Country Club is located on Skyline Drive in Beaver Creek Township, south of Grayling off Old US-27.

Tickets should be purchased by February 10.

Song of the Lakes to perform in Mancelona

Song of the Lakes will perform a rousing evening of maritime, Celtic and folk music at the Community Performing Arts Auditorium at Concord Academy Antrim in Mancelona on January 30.

The show, featuring the colorful folk group voted the "best folk group in northern Michigan," will include a Ceili (Irish Dance Party) and a performance of Celtic dancing by Dance Attack, led by Jeanine

Sladdick.

The Ceili will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Song of the Lakes concert at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 and available at the door or in advance at Kalkaska Area Chamber of Commerce in Kalkaska and at Shate's Internet Cafe in Mancelona. Group rates are available through Pathways Arts Council.

Concord Academy Antrim is located at 5055 Corey Road, five

Hanson Hills to host Special Olympics Winter Games

The Area 4 Special Olympics Winter Games will be held at Hanson Hills Recreational Area in Grayling on Tuesday, January 27. Once again, Special Olympic athletes will compete for ribbons in cross country skiing, downhill skiing and snowshoeing.

The event has taken on more of a regional flavor in the last few years as athletes from Bay City and Cadillac join the local athletes from Crawford, Roscommon, Ogemaw and Otsego counties for the competition.

Between 75 and 100 athletes are expected to be on hand for the games.

This year's games are being

dedicated to the memory of Neil Foster, one of the original members of the Wertz Warriors Snowmobile Endurance Ride. Foster rode every year in the event to raise money for Special Olympic winter athletes.

Foster lived in the Houghton Lake area and was instrumental in planning many of their local fundraisers. He passed away last year, and to keep his memory alive, the local games will be held in tribute to him.

Students from the Roscommon High School Rotary Inter-Act Club will be on hand to help run the events. Opening ceremonies are scheduled for 10 a.m., with competition beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Conservation District plans open house, annual meeting

The Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District (CRCD) will hold its 36th Annual Meeting on Wednesday, January 28 in the CRAF Center in Roscommon.

From noon until 7 p.m., an Open House and Meet the Staff event will be held and will include voting on the annual amateur photo contest entries. Visitors will also be able to place orders for trees and purchase conservation items at a 10-percent discount.

Administrator Barb Stauffer and Administrative Assistant Theresa Compton will help visitors get acquainted with the services the CRCD offers.

Forester Chris Nieman will be available to discuss forest health and wildlife needs.

Program Coordinator Lucille Eisbrenner will be on hand to update visitors on the Roscommon County Gypsy Moth Suppression Program.

AmeriCorps Member

Michelle Hill will discuss the Groundwater Stewardship Program. Home and Farm assessment assistance will also be available.

Program Technician Randy Mellberg will direct visitors on Groundwater Protection.

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service's Jacque Korn will discuss a variety of conservation needs, along with the 2002 Farm Bill.

Roscommon County Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste Disposal information will also be available.

Light refreshments will be served and visitors can "Spin the Wheel" for door prizes.

At 7 p.m., awards will be made and the Business meeting will be held.

For more information, call the CRCD office at (989) 275-5231. The CRAF Center is located at 606 Lake Street in the Village of Roscommon.



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OBITUARIES

Leesa Jean Galvani

April 11, 1955 - Jan. 18, 2004

Leesa Jean Galvani, age 48, of Grayling, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on Sunday, January 18 at Munson Medical Center, Traverse City.

She was born April 11, 1955 in Tacoma, Washington, to Raymond John and Agnes Marie (Savoie) Trudgeon.

The former Leesa Jean Trudgeon married Mr. Domenico Galvani III on August 19, 2000 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grayling.

Leesa had been a resident of Grayling for most of her life, as a homemaker. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. Leesa was a member of the Council of Catholic Women. Leesa enjoyed family gatherings and was the proud godmother of nephew Raymond. Leesa was a very warm and caring person and will be missed by all.

She is survived by husband, Domenico Galvani III; her parents, Jack and Aggie Trudgeon; sisters Janice Trudgeon of East Lansing, Toni Johnson of Grayling, Carrie (Mike) Montgomery of Oscoda; brothers Kevin Trudgeon of Los Angeles, CA, Tom Trudgeon of Grayling, Philip (Pati) Trudgeon of Grayling, Dave (Vicki) Trudgeon of Grand Rapids; Rene (Kathy) Trudgeon of Grayling; 23 nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, January 21, 2004 at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church. The Reverend Robert Nalley will officiate at the service.

The family requests memorials to: St. Mary's Catholic Church Capital Campaign and North Central Michigan Mental Health, Grayling.

Arrangements by: Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

Charles F. Haller

May 6, 1919 - Jan. 13, 2004



Charles and Ellen Haller

Charles F. Haller, an 84-year old WWII veteran, will always be known as "Papa" and will be missed by his family and friends. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and great-great grandfather. He and his wife, Ellen, would have celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary on January 21, 2004. He was a man of honor and integrity, who stood for what he believed in and always put his family first. We love you, Papa.

Albert Balash

Oct. 17, 1910 - Jan. 11, 2004

Albert Balash, age 93, of Bay City, formerly of Grayling, died Sunday, January 11, 2004.

Funeral services were held on January 15, at Gephart Funeral Home.

Arrangements by: Gephart Funeral Home, Bay City.

Gertrude Monday

Nov. 11, 1922 - Jan. 16, 2004

Gertrude Monday, age 81, of St. Petersburg, Florida, died Friday, January 16, at Mercy Hospital, Grayling.

Gertrude was born November 11, 1922 in Krypton, Kentucky to Luther and Lena (Eversole) Campbell.

She worked for a department store as a sales clerk. She was a member of North East Park Baptist Church.

Gertrude is survived by daughter Eileen (James) Wallington; son Raymond (Margaret) Richie, of Grayling; three grandchildren; four sisters; and one brother.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services were held January 19, 2004 at Sorenson Funeral Home. Dr. Robert Barnett Pastor officiated at the service. Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery.

Arrangements by: Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

Maude M. Taylor

Oct. 19, 1909 - Jan. 17, 2004

Maude M. Taylor, age 94, died Saturday, January 17, 2004 in Grayling.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, January 22, at Hall Funeral Chapel, Manton at 11 a.m.

Visitation will be held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Wednesday at the funeral chapel.

Arrangements by: Hall Funeral Chapel, Manton.

Charles A. Perry

June 15, 1928 - Jan. 19, 2004

Charles A. Perry, age 75, of Roscommon, South Branch Township, died Monday, January 19.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements by: Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.

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Range firing scheduled during January 21 - 27 is as follows:

The Range 40 Air to Ground Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) January 21-23, 26-27.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Occasionally, mission-firing requirements beyond this time

may be authorized by the Post Commander without additional notice to the public. The firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the area closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989-348-6371.

For further information call 1-800-628-5820.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 101 complaints the week of January 12 - 18:

Twenty-three traffic accidents, nine non-traffic accidents, one traffic violations (civil infractions), four accident - all other, four civil matter disputes - family trouble, three suspicious situations, one lost and found property, one missing persons, 18 general non-criminal, one structure fire, one delinquent minors, one snowmobile incident, one false alarm activation, two assault/intimidation/stalking, two burglary/home invasion, seven larceny, two damage to property, five weapons offenses/concealed, nine public peace/disorderly, two health and safety, one miscellaneous criminal offense, two driving violations/DWLS etc., one driving on revoked/suspended/refused license.

Sheriff Wakefield asks: "Do you know where your children are?"

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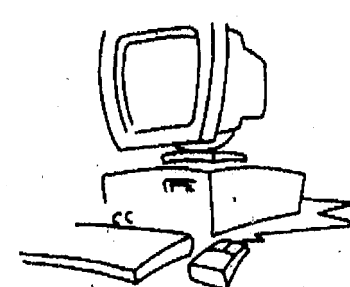
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People who struggle to read a newspaper, menu or computer screen, or find themselves constantly repositioning reading material to find the right focus, now have a new option in vision correction. CK (Conductive Keratoplasty), the first non-laser vision treatment approved by the FDA for baby boomers, is being performed by Dr. Jeffrey K. Chaulk, MD at Alpine Eye Care.

Many baby boomers view glasses as an unwelcome sign of aging and have grown weary of the constant reach for their glasses, or "cheaters," as some call them. Most of these people had great vision until they hit 40, when many began to notice the fine print increasingly fading from focus. The new CK procedure, which uses the controlled release of radio waves instead of a laser or scalpel, can bring the fine print back into focus and help baby boomers see clear - again.

Safe and minimally invasive, the CK procedure takes less than three minutes and is done in-office with only topical (eye drop) anesthesia.

"CK was designed to meet the needs of the more risk-averse baby boomer population," said Dr. Chaulk. "Because it is performed without cutting or removing tissue, CK is a very safe option for those over age 40 who are seeking to improve their vision."



Photo courtesy of Alpine Eye Care

With the help of his assistant, Geri Koscielniak, Dr. Jeffrey K. Chaulk, MD, of Alpine Eye Care, performs the new Conductive Keratoplasty or "CK" corrective procedure on patient, Dr. Winkler, in his office.

Dr. Chaulk is among the first physicians in Michigan to offer the CK procedure, which helps patients who have trouble reading price tags, seeing to drive at night, or who routinely experience eye fatigue at the end of the day. This condition is the most common vision disorder in America, affecting more than 60 million people - a full 55 percent

of adults over 40.

CK is an in-office procedure using a small probe, thinner than a strand of human hair, that releases radiofrequency (RF) energy. The probe is applied in a circular pattern on the outer cornea to shrink small areas of corneal tissue. This circular shrinkage pattern creates a constrictive band, like the tightening

of a belt, to increase the overall curvature of the cornea. The use of RF energy is one of today's most advanced surgical techniques. In addition to its use in CK, RF technology is being used in prostate cancer therapy, back surgery, even cardiovascular procedures.

Nearly 95 percent of patients reported being "satisfied" to "extremely satisfied" with their visual outcome after having CK. The procedure also proved a restoration to normal vision in 93 percent of patients, according to clinical trial data collected 24 months after the patients had CK performed. These outcomes continue to exceed the FDA guideline of 85 percent restoration to normal vision for refractive surgical procedures.

Please call Alpine Eye Care for a complimentary screening at (989) 732-6455.

Allowing retirees to return could save school programs

LANSING - State Sen. Tony Stamas (R-Midland) on January 15 welcomed Paul Mancine, superintendent of the Atlanta Community Schools in Montmorency County, to testify in support of legislation that would expand the exceptions to the earnings limitation for school district retirees who return to work on a temporary basis.

Stamas invited Mancine to share his experiences, compiled from his 34 years in education, with the Senate Committee on Education regarding House Bill 4340. The legislation amends the public school employee

retirement act.

"All across the state, more frequently in rural areas, schools with teacher shortages are struggling," Stamas said. "Without the ability to have retirees return to work for a limited time, schools are faced with the choice of reducing or eliminating their scholastic programs."

By expanding the limitations, school districts could continue their practice of allowing retired teachers and school personnel to fill critical positions for a short period of time without affecting their retirement allowance.

"Not only does this bill help

our school district, it will also aid the other small northern districts who are making difficult financial decisions while trying to make the most out of limited fund," said Mancine, an Alcona County resident.

The Senate Committee on Education unanimously passed HB 4340.

The bill will now go before the full Senate.

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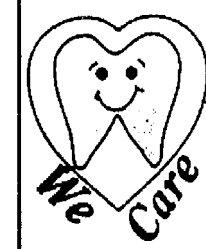
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Immunization clinics: February 4 and 8.

Family planning: February 3 and 17.

Optional/confidential HIV/AIDS testing: Call for appointment.

WIC Supplemental Food Program for pregnant women, infants and children: February 4, 9-12-13, 16-18-19, 23-26.

Breast and cervical cancer screening: February 10. Call 1-800-968-7300 to schedule an appointment. This program is available to women ages 40-64, who have limited or no health insurance.

Other services are available; call (989)348-7800 for appointment.

Other health services include: • Maternal/Infant support - Families Matter

• Environmental Health (well and septic permits, food service, water testing, etc.)

• HIV/AIDS testing

• OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Training session.

• Free hearing and vision screenings for ages three - 18 years by appointment, as scheduled;

• Mi Child and Healthy Kids Insurance Programs

• Health Promotion Programs: - Smoking Cessation Classes - Abstinence Education (and various health topic presentations by health educators).

Scouts attend Polar Bear Campout



Polar Bear campers were, from left: (front row) Nathan Pickell, Richard Haight, James Haight, Matthew Haight, Nick Grougan and Tom Pilon; (back row) Jack Pilon, Scoutmaster Jim Pickell, Alex Millar, Chris Bonnington. Assistant Scoutmaster Scott Grougan (not shown) took the picture.

Grayling Boy Scout Troop 995 set to the woods December 6-7 for a Polar Bear Campout. Although the snow was scarce, the temperature was just right for the challenges of a winter campout.

To earn the Polar Bear, all scouts must stay outdoors for 18 hours in the camp the troop sets up. The scouts must also hike at

least one-half mile to their campsite carrying their supplies. The air temperature must be 32° F or below. The temperature when the scouts retired for bed the night of December 6 was 4° F.

The scouts made a shelter of logs and tarps with a straw floor to sleep on, and all were pretty cozy during the cold December evening. They prepared a nice,

hot beef stew for dinner Saturday evening and lots of hot chocolate to keep warm.

Troop 995 is gearing up for the annual Winter Klondike at the end of this month, held at the Northwoods Scout Reservation near Hale. The scouts will be participating in a Polar Bear Campout during that weekend as well.

Local students excel at Regional Conference

Hundreds of business professionals descended upon Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant to demonstrate business management, marketing, and technology skills, network with others, and be honored for their hard work.

What separates this event from any other business conference? The business professionals in attendance at this conference are still in high school. Student members of the Grayling High School Chapter of Business Professionals of America (BPA) showed their skills and brought home the gold at the 2004 Regional Leadership Conference, held January 10.

At the Conference, Grayling High School shined as three stu-

dents qualified to represent their school at the state level in March. Winners included Bethanie Hulbert, Gary Feeney, and Nichole Millar. They placed 2nd in the Administrative Support Team event.

These students will represent Grayling at the 2004 State Leadership Conference, March 4-7 at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids, where they will compete with students from across Michigan, attend workshops designed to aid in professional development, and gain valuable skills for their lives ahead in the world of work. Top students at the state conference will advance to the National Leadership Conference, held in Cincinnati in April.

BPA is a national career/technical student organization for business students on the high school and college levels with over 54,000 members across the country.

The organization strives to prepare a world-class workforce through the advancement of leadership, citizenship, academic, and technological skills.

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Second day added to Kirtland's Warbler Festival

In the last few years, the Kirtland's Warbler Festival (KWF) evolved into a national event, drawing birders and naturalists from across America, Canada and the Bahamas. This year, it expands into a two-day event in an effort to better accommodate all those who come to see one of the world's rarest birds.

The 2004 festival will be held May 15-16, announced officials of Kirtland Community College, which sponsors the event.

For 10 years, the festival was a one-day affair that included myriad nature events, presentations, entertainers that celebrated various wildlife themes, crafters, and

many kids activities like building bird houses, fishing in a well-stocked pond, exotic animal displays and visits from Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl.

But the highlight of the event is always the guided tours to the jack pine forest that surrounds the college for the chance to see the Kirtland's Warbler, a bird that was nearly extinct a generation ago.

"In the last few years, we've gone from taking 50 or 60 people out to nearly 400 last May," said Jim Enger, the festival's chairman. "As the festival's reputation grows, we expect even more. Many of these people are serious

birders who travel great distances at tremendous expense, and we want to give all of them ample opportunity to see the bird.

"So, we decided to go from three tours on Saturday to two tours on Saturday and two more on Sunday."

Until last year, the college used its own vans to take some people out in the forest, while others drove their own cars in what had become long caravans. Now the festival rents buses from local schools -- each of them led by a wildlife biologist from one of the several agencies charged with ensuring the bird's survival.

"Last year, almost everyone saw the bird on the two early tours," Enger said. "On the mid-morning tour -- which is always the largest -- many of those who didn't see it at least heard it. By going to four early tours over two days, more people will have a chance to attend on-campus events featuring our main presenters, and enjoy one of the best chicken barbecues in northern Michigan."

This year, the festival is elimi-

nating that mid-morning tour and adding two early tours, probably 7 a.m. and 8 a.m., on Sunday morning.

A pancake breakfast, the highlight of early Saturday tours, also will be available on Sunday. The crafting exhibition, which adheres strictly to a nature theme, also will remain Sunday. And the agency room, with displays by the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, among many others, will also remain open for viewing Sunday.

All other presentations will be on Saturday. Typically, there are related birding events on Friday evening and Sunday morning as well.

Admission to all presentations and tours is \$5, for the purchase of a KWF button. All other activities are free.

For more information about the 2004 Kirtland's Warbler Festival, call (989) 275-5000, ext. 266, or visit the KWF web site at: warbler.kirtland.edu/.

Treat yourself to a GPA Flower Club Card!

Christmas has come and gone. Many gifts will be forgotten, or exchanged, especially the ones you got! So, treat yourself (or someone else) to the gift of flowers and also help a local organization raise funds for cultural events.

The Grayling Promotional Association (GPA), with the help of Flowers by Josie in Grayling, have come up with a wonderful gift idea for someone you love... or even for yourself. It is the Arts and Flowers program, offering a Flowers Club Card redeemable for a bouquet of fresh cut flowers each of three normally cold weather months -- February, March and April.

Flower Club Cards are priced at \$50 each and entitles you or your gift recipient to fresh cut flowers in a vase in February (a \$20 value). Then in March and April, return to Flowers by Josie to pick up more flowers (valued at \$15 each bouquet), wrapped up for you to take home to refill your vase.

Five dollars of the price of

each bouquet will be donated to the GPA Cultural Events Series each month. Card purchasers may deduct a total of \$15 as a charitable contribution on their taxes.

Upon pick up of the third bouquet, Flower Club Card holders will surrender their cards which will automatically enter them into a drawing to be held May 11, 2004 at the last travelogue of the year, at the Rialto Theatre.

First Prize is Season Tickets for two to the 2004-05 Cultural Events Series, a \$250 value; Second Prize is a pair of Season Tickets to the 2004-05 Travel and Adventure Series, a \$72 value; and Third Prize is a \$50 gift certificate from Flowers by Josie.

Cards must be purchased by January 31, 2004 and are available at Flowers by Josie, from any GPA member, or by mail. Make check or money order payable to GPA, and mail to GPA, P.O. Box 71, Grayling MI 49738. Visa, MasterCard and Discover cards are also accepted.

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Grayling City Police Chief Karl A. Schreiner reports his department handled the following kinds of complaints during the period of January 11-18:

Four misdemeanor arrests, four assist other departments, one juvenile, three traffic warnings, four larceny, one traffic accident, two alarm responses, three suspicious behavior, two disturbing the peace, one malicious destruction of property (MDOP), one personal protection violation, and 13 unclassified.

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Grayling Middle School News

Submitted by the Grayling Middle School Parent Improvement Team

Welcome back! Are you ready to jump into all the great things happening at the middle school this winter? The first Big Event coming up in the Meap testing, which begins January 26 and runs through February 13.

As you all know, this is really important, and not only for the teachers. This test reflects back on our whole community. When people are checking test results in the paper, they are comparing our school to the rest of the area. When people are looking for a new area to move to, they are checking the Meap test scores of the local school system. It makes a difference in how much money our school system gets every year. It also offers scholarships toward college for your children. Because we know how important this test is, we all have to work together to help our kids to do their best on it. That means getting them to bed on time, making sure they eat a good breakfast.

Also, please make sure that your child is in school during these three weeks. It's hard, but it's a fact that when a child takes the test at a later date, the results are always down. Contact your child's teacher to find out exactly when your child's test are if you need to take them out of school for any reason.

The parent's group will be providing snacks for the entire school during testing times. If you wish to make a donation to help defray the cost, that would be great.

The sixth grade is selling GMS t-shirts for their spring trip. This would be a nice way to show your child that you support them and their school, especially during this Meap time.

Saturday, February 7, the 8th grade will be taking the ACT test here at GMS. Don't forget pencils, a good breakfast and plenty of sleep the night before.

Thursday, February 12, 8:30 a.m. PIT meeting at GHS. We will be planning Funfest and the teacher luncheon. We need your help!

Saturday, February 12, 7 p.m. The Grayling Viking Band Boosters will be meeting at GMS. They are planning fundraisers for next year so if you have any comments on this, come to the meeting. They really need some new faces to join this group. If you have a child in band, you need to check this group out!

Ever get frustrated with parenting? Looking for some new tricks to make parenting easier? "Becoming a Love and Logic Parent" Program is a fun way of building upon the parenting skills you already have. This is a free, seven-week program. The Crawford-Roscommon Child Protection Council, Michigan Children's Trust Fund, and other community agencies are proud sponsors of the program. This is a program that everyone can benefit from.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Sherry Rosin at (989) 275-5101.

This workshop will be offered at the Grayling Head Start Building, on the following Monday evenings: February 2, 9, 16, 23, and March 1, 8, 15, 2004.

Individuals completing the seven sessions will receive a certificate of completion. The workshop will begin at 6 p.m., and end at 8:30 p.m. Registration forms can be picked up at Grayling Middle School Main Office.

Card of Thanks

I would like to thank everyone, who sent cards, flowers and came to see me while in the hospital.

Marja Shepard

MILITARY NEWS

Three receive Army Commendation Medals

Three members of the Maneuver Training Center, Michigan Army National Guard were recently awarded the Army Commendation Medal by Camp Grayling Commanding Officer,

Col. Dennis Hull.

On January 11, CW2 Daniel M. Bonamie, SGT Michael V. Hoag, and SPC Mario A. Garnett, all of Grayling, received their medals.

CW2 Bonamie was recognized for outstanding leadership, loyalty, and personal integrity which makes him a trusted staff officer of the command. Hull said Bonamie has developed sound practices and procedures, and successfully completing several rigorous departments of the Army and Guard Bureau ammunition and explosive survey inspections.

Bonamie has been a member of Maneuver Training Center since May 1985. Before entering the Michigan Army National Guard, he spent four years in the U.S. Coast Guard as a Draftsman. He has 26 years combined service time and is a full time employee at Camp Grayling. He is assigned as the Ammunition Officer at the

Ammunition Supply Point.

Bonamie has four children: Daniel, Heather, Joshua, and Faith.

SGT Hoag was recognized for commendable service and dedication while performing duties as the Assistant House Manager and Administrative NCO for the Logistics Support Center.

"He executed the Master Housing Plan for three rotations of annual training with more than 12,000 troops in an exemplary manner," said Hull. "In addition, he implemented a program which upgraded furnishings for most of the over 400 buildings on the post."

Hoag has been a member of Maneuver Training Center since May 1989. Before entering the Michigan Army National Guard, he spent four and one half years on active duty with the U.S. Air Force as a Security Patrolman. He is a full time employee at Camp Grayling, assigned as the Assistant Housing Manager at

the Logistics Support Center.

Hoag and his wife, Tracey, have two children, Jennifer and Michael Jr.

SPC Garnett was recognized for his selection as "Soldier of the Year" at Camp Grayling for the Training Year 2003.

"Garnett's record of successful achievement can be directly attributed to his outstanding professional skills and devotion to duty," said Hull. "He continues to strive to improve in all areas of soldier skills and he leads by example."

Garnett has been a member of the Maneuver Training Center since January 1998 and is assigned as a Material Handler. In civilian life, he is employed by Mio Rental and Retail as an Outside Sales Manager.

Col. Hull said the achievements of all three men are great reflections on themselves, the Maneuver Training Center, Camp Grayling, and the Michigan Army National Guard.

Woodland, Merrill marry



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Merrill

Sarah Elizabeth Woodland and Joseph Philip Merrill were united in marriage on September 6, 2003 at St. David's Episcopal Church in Lansing, the Rev. David Pike officiating.

A reception dinner at the Grand Ledge Opera House followed the ceremony, where guests enjoyed a beautiful view of the Grand River.

The bride is the daughter of Rob and Judy Woodland, of Grayling. She is a graduate of Grayling High School and attended Western Michigan University, where she earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree.

The groom is the son of Ray and Jean Merrill, of Grand Ledge. He is a graduate of Mannheim American High School in Mannheim, Germany, and attended the University of Tennessee, where he earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree.

The wedding party included: friends of the bride, Maid of Honor, Katie (Smock) Soule; and Maid of Honor, Samara Sabin; Best Man, Ray Merrill, father of the groom;

Groomsman, John Gollehon, friend of the bride and groom; Flower Girl, Sarah Goebeler, niece of the groom; and Ring Bearer, Jake Goebeler, nephew of the groom. Serving as Ushers were Ben, Seth and Luke Horton, cousins of the bride.

Special assistants were Alek and Joel McKenzie, nephews of the groom; Alyssa and Ryan Kramer, niece and nephew of the groom; and Nadine Holzbauer and Lynn Trudeau, friends of the Woodland family.

David, Karen, Melanie and Gretchen Ross, friends of the Woodland family, along with Josh Woodland, brother of the bride, provided music. Musical selections included "Ave Maria," a solo by Gretchen Ross; "The Prayer of St. Francis," and a duet by Gretchen and Melanie Ross.

Pachelbel's "Canon in D" for flute and guitar was played as the bride walked down the aisle on the arm of her father. After a short honeymoon in Washington, D.C. and Virginia, the couple returned to their home in Lansing.

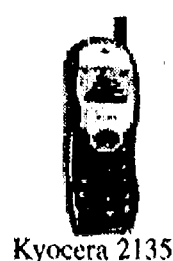


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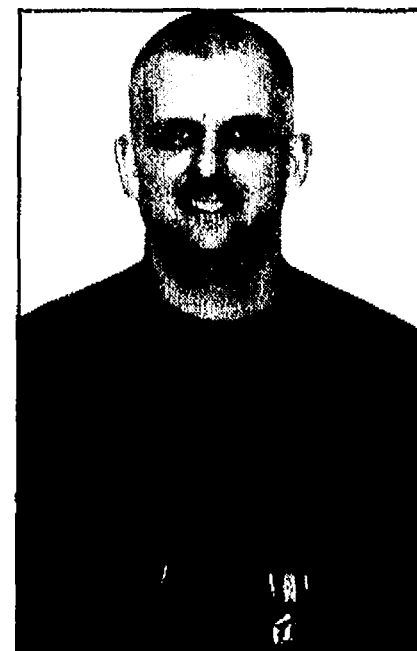
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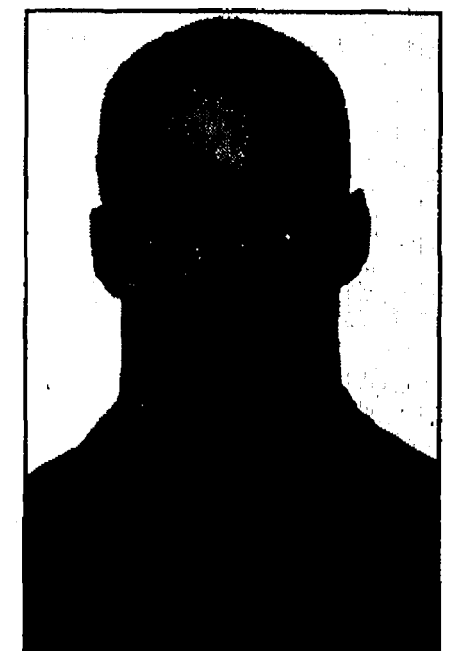
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Extending unemployment benefits will stimulate economy 'from the bottom up'

LANSING — State Rep. Matt Gillard (D-Alpena) said January 16 that he will introduce a resolution in the Michigan House calling on Congress to extend federal unemployment benefits for workers who have run out of state benefits.

"Michigan's jobless rate continues to be among the nation's highest, and nearly half of those collecting state unemployment are running out of benefits," Rep. Gillard said. "The working men and women of this state, along with the families they support, deserve our best effort in sustaining them in their time of need."

Congress last year failed to renew the federal Temporary Emergency Unemployment Compensation program, which expired December 31, 2003. The program provided and additional 13 weeks of federally funded unemployment for workers who had used up their benefits, and another 13 weeks in states with the highest unemployment.

Gillard noted the additional federal aid would be a good move toward fueling an economic recovery that would benefit the entire state, generating up to \$9 million in new state revenue from income and sales taxes.

"It would represent economic stimulus from the bottom up," Gillard said. "If you want to jump-start the economy, put money into the hands of those who need it the most and will spend it."

While the national unemployment rate stood at 5.9 percent in December, Michigan's was at 6.5

percent in November — second worst in the United States. The state's December rate comes out this month. In northeast Lower Michigan, the jobless rate for November was the state's highest at 9.5 percent, the state Department of Labor and Economic Growth reported.

According to Gillard, analysts say the figures mask the increasing number of people without work for six months or more, as frustrated job seekers gave up their searches with hiring at a near standstill. Michigan has as many as 53,000 long-term unemployed workers, according to the Michigan Department of Career Development.

In the third quarter of 2003, which ended September 30, some 23 percent of the total number of unemployed individuals in Michigan was out of work for 27 weeks or longer. That was far above the 15 percent during the same period of 2002.

A labor study released November 6, 2003 reported Michigan's economy is the third worst-performing state in the country — behind North Carolina and Mississippi — based on job losses, mounting bankruptcy filings, rising poverty, falling incomes and dwindling number of workers with health insurance.

"Congress has a moral responsibility to help the working men and women who have formed the backbone of our nation's success over the years," Gillard said.

"By ignoring their plight, more families will postpone medical care, watch their savings disap-

pear and lose their homes."

Businesses overall added just 1,000 new American jobs in December, far fewer than economists had expected, the U.S. Labor Department reported on January 9.

Bill Cheney, chief economist at John Hancock Financial Services, described the labor statistics in an Associated Press story as "awful, sobering, pathetic ... that doesn't make you feel really good about the state of the jobs market."

Employment in the nation's stores, malls and even gas stations dropped by 38,000 last month and manufacturing continued a 41-month slide by losing 26,000 jobs. Michigan has lost nearly 180,000 jobs since the start of 2001, including 82,000 last year.

The nation's factories have posted even worse declines, with the sector shedding about 500,000 jobs in 2003. In Michigan, manufacturing jobs have plummeted by 34,000 since September 2002.

Gillard's resolution urges Congress to extend unemployment benefits for an additional 13 weeks for the state's long-term unemployed who have exhausted their benefits. Those eligible would receive applications shortly after the legislation is enacted.

"These workers need our help now to get back on their feet," he said. "They earned their unemployment benefits and we should give them as much assistance as possible."

Don't forget to claim charitable contributions

The Internal Revenue Services advises that, when preparing to file your federal tax return, don't forget your contributions to charitable organizations. Your donations can add up to a nice tax deduction if you itemize on IRS Form 1040, Schedule A.

Here are a few tips to help make sure your contributions pay off on your tax return.

To be deductible, contributions must be made to qualified organizations. Organizations can tell you if they are qualified and if donations to them are deductible. The IRS Web site at www.irs.gov also has an Exempt Organization search feature to help you see if an organization is qualified.

IRS Publication 78, "Cumulative List of Organizations," is available online at IRS.gov and in many public libraries.

Only contributions actually made during the tax year are deductible. Credit card charges

and payments by check are deducted in the year they are given to the charity, even though you may not pay the credit card bill or have your bank account debited until the next year.

If your contributions entitle you to merchandise, goods, or services, including admission to a charity ball, banquet, theatrical performance, or sporting event, you can deduct only the amount that exceeds the fair market value of the benefit received.

Donations of stock or other property are usually valued at the fair market value of the property. For stocks and bonds with an active market, the fair market value is the average price between highest and lowest selling price on the valuation date.

Those who donate their cars may also claim only the fair market value of the car. The fair market value takes into account many factors, including the vehicle's condition. The fair market

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For a contribution of \$250 or more, you can claim a deduction only if you obtain a written acknowledgment from the qualified organization. A person donating property valued at more than \$5,000 must obtain a qualified written appraisal.

If you have questions about the deductibility of charitable contributions, call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 or look on the IRS Web site at IRS.gov for IRS Publication 526, "Charitable Contributions," and Publication 561, "Determining the Value of Donated Property." Both are available on the Web site under "Forms and Publications" or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

Senator tours northern snowmobile trails

State Sen. Tony Stamas (R-Midland) rode the North Branch Snowmobile Trail with several constituents January 13 to get a better look at the trails available in northern Michigan.

Stamas had previously met snowmobile organizations throughout the northern part of his district, many who have concerns and new ideas about the trail system and the grooming process.

Stamas was joined by Sil Mazzella, George Guess and Mark Dubie of Gaylord, as well as Larry Marzine of Alpena.

Stamas took a tour of the

North Branch Trail to see up close how the trails are being operated and cared for. The group traveled to the tip of the Pigeon River trail, spending about three and one half hours snowmobiling.

"Northern Michigan relies heavily on snowmobiling during the winter to bring in tourists from around the state," Stamas said. "It's critical that our local snowmobile groups continue to work closely with the Department of Natural Resources to take care of the trails."

Mazzella, owner of Mama

Leone's Restaurant in Gaylord, agrees with Stamas on the importance of the snowmobile industry on northern Michigan's economy and said he is "glad to see that Tony Stamas is out there working with us on our issues."

Last week, January 11-17, marked Snowmobile Safety Week. Michigan has more than 6,000 miles of groomed trails offering exciting terrain of forest and field to both residents and visitors.

With almost 300,000 registered snowmobiles, safe and responsible driving is essential for every enthusiast, Stamas said.

Take a guided snowshoe hike at Hartwick Pines

Hartwick Pines State Park will be offering a guided snowshoe hike on Saturday, January 31, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., led by Park Interpreter Craig Kasmer and Site Historian Rob Burg.

The hike will offer visitors a new perspective on visiting the park in the winter. The program will begin in the auditorium of the Michigan Forest Visitor Center with an orientation to snowshoeing and winter at Hartwick Pines.

From the Visitor Center, the hike will travel through the Old Growth Forest and back to the Visitor Center, for approximately

a one-mile hike.

This guided snowshoe hike is geared toward beginner and intermediate snowshoers and will be limited to 20 participants on a pre-registration basis. Call (989) 348-2537 to register.


Participants who do not have their own snowshoes will be able to borrow a pair at the visitor center for use in this hike at no charge.

Hartwick Pines State Park consists of 9,762 acres, most of which is closed to snowmobiles, so the park offers great opportunities for both snowshoeing and

cross country skiing.

There are three groomed cross country ski trails of three, five and 7.5 miles. Snowshoers are asked to stay off of these groomed trails, but there are many other snowshoeing opportunities in the park, including the Old Growth Forest, Mertz Grade and AuSable trails.

There is no fee for the guided snowshoe hike; however a state park motor vehicle permit is required for park entry. These are available at the park for \$6 for a daily and \$24 for an annual permit.



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Classes Begin

January 19, 2004 - for GED Classes and Alternative Education

NOTE: Late registration available at all locations the first day of class.

Winter 2004 Schedule

ADULT LEARNING CENTER

ABE/GED	M - T	8am - 3:30 pm	Barrow Brunette
ABE/GED	W - R	8am - 3:30 pm	Barrow Brunette
ABE/GED	M - W	6:30 - 10:00 pm	Bonkowski Bonkowski
ABE/GED	T - R	6 - 9:30 pm	Bonkowski Bonkowski

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ABE/GED	M - T	8:30 am - 11:30 am	Brunette Brunette
ABE/GED	M - T	1 - 5 pm	Brunette Brunette
ABE/GED	W - R	8:30 am - 11:30 am	Barrow Barrow
ABE/GED	W - R	1 - 4 pm	Barrow Barrow

Enrichment Classes

Advanced Cake Decorating

This eight (8) week course is a continuation of last semester's class. It is for adults who have some experience, but would like to learn advanced techniques. The instructor has over 40 years experience in the business. She has taught cake decorating throughout the Midwest and has won numerous awards at national cake shows.

Students are required to have their own equipment, most of which are common household items. This class is taught using a hands on approach. For a complete list of materials needed, contact the community education office at 344-3535 or 344-3534.

Class Starts: February 3, 2004
Length of Class: 8 weeks
Day of Class: Tuesday
Time: 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Place: Grayling Middle School room 114
Cost: \$50.00 includes an instruction booklet (materials are extra.)

Instructor: Lillian Koch
Hatha Yoga I
Class Starts: February 5, 2004
Length of Class: 8 weeks
Day of Class: Thursday
Time: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Place: AuSable Primary, Gross Motor Skills Rm
Cost: \$40.00

Instructor: Priscilla Whiteford
Through the principles of breath awareness and deep muscle stretching, strengthening and relaxation, you'll discover tools for greater physical, mental and spiritual well-being. Bring a blanket and mat, and wear loose clothing.

Hatha Yoga II
Class Starts: January 15, 2004
Length of Class: 12 weeks
Day of Class: Thursday
Time: 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Place: AuSable Primary, Gross Motor Skills Rm
Cost: \$60.00

Instructor: Priscilla Whiteford
This is a continuation of Hatha Yoga I. Bring a blanket and mat, and wear loose clothing. Priscilla Whiteford has taught yoga since 1974 at Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor and presently teaches at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City. Priscilla has trained with BKS Iyengar in India and the United States, and is certified by him.

Self Defense Youth Sanchin-Ryu
Class Starts: February 2, 2004
Length of Class: 8 weeks/session.
Day of Class: Monday
Time: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Place: AuSable Primary, Gross Motor Room
Cost: \$25.00

Instructor: John Homrich
Kids have a blast learning a wide range of self defense ideas, with conflict resolution being the key element. Children are taught alternatives to fighting through the wonderful non-competitive "go at your own pace" philosophy of Sanchin-Ryu.

Fun is number one in this laid back atmosphere, where games and diverse activities enhance the topic covered! Sanchin-Ryu builds self-confidence, coordination, communication, and leadership skills through the study of a true art form. Wear loose clothes and bring your SMILE! Parents are strongly urged to attend.

Grace Under Pressure Self Defense for Women
Class Starts: February 2, 2004
Length of Class: 8 weeks/session.
Day of Class: Monday
Time: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Place: AuSable Primary, Gross Motor Room
Cost: \$25.00

Instructor: John Homrich
An on going, "hands on" study of personal protection at home, school, and at the work place. Streetwise techniques are taught and discussed on an individual basis and are designed so that size and strength are not involved. Students learn how to act on stressful situations rather than being controlled by them. A great opportunity for mother-daughter combinations!

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GED/ABE	T	6 - 9:30 pm	TBA
GED/ABE	W	6 - 9:30 pm	TBA
GED/ABE	R	6 - 9:30 pm	TBA

Basic Computers

Class Starts: February 5, 2004
Length of Class: 8 weeks
Day of Class: Thursday
Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Place: Grayling High School, Rm B206
Cost: \$60.00 (includes book)
Instructor: Terri Lasby
This eight week course is for those individuals who want to explore and use Microsoft Office, Excel, Access, and Power Point. The instructor will tailor the class around the students.

Intro to Computers

Class Starts: February 3, 2004
Length of Class: 8 weeks
Day of Class: Tuesday
Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Place: Grayling High School, Rm 206
Cost: \$60.00 (includes book)
Instructor: Terri Lasby
Are you afraid the computer will break when you use it? Is your mouse running out of control? (What mouse?!) Is the screen too dark and you don't know how to fix it? Have you lost a letter you thought was saved? (I was supposed to save it!) If this sounds like you, come join us as we start at the very beginning and learn about computers.

Spanish For Adults

Class Starts: February 3, 2004
Length of Class: 8 weeks
Day of Class: Tuesday
Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Place: Grayling High School
Cost: \$40.00
Instructor: Nancy Lemmen
Want to learn some basic Spanish or brush up on language skills you learned back in high school? This course, designed primarily for students at the beginning levels of Spanish, will provide you with a language-rich - yet always comprehensible - environment in every class session. You can acquire (or develop) your Spanish language skills naturally in entertaining, non-stressful, fun situations rather than by grammatical instruction. The method communicates to both sides of the brain, thus promoting permanent language acquisition.

Stained Glass

Class Starts: February 3, 2004
Length of Class: 6 weeks
Day of Class: Tuesday
Time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Place: Grayling High School Art Rm
Maximum enrollment: 6
Cost: \$60.00
Instructor: Kim Wejrowski
Students will be taught the basics of stained glass and will make a project that will not only get them acquainted with the different tools, but also show them how to work with patterns, glass scoring and cutting. A list of materials needed can be obtained by contacting the Community Education Office at 344-3535.

Artist's Workshop

Class Starts: February 4, 2004
Length of Class: 8 weeks
Day of Class: Wednesday
Time: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Place: Grayling High School Art Rm
Cost: \$50.00
Instructor: Andrea Binert
A course designed to bring artists together to work and learn in a supportive group environment. Students can be of any ability level and can choose any 2-D media they wish. The instructor will provide individual and group instruction focusing on technique and the creative process.

Creative Memories Workshop

Class Starts: February 2, 2004
Length of Class: 2 weeks
Day of Class: Monday
Time: 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Place: Grayling High School Art Rm
Cost: \$20.00
Instructor: Susan McCurdy
This "hands on" workshop will provide ideas on how to create unique photo albums that will last a life time. Please bring 6-8 photos of the same theme; everything else will be provided. Supplies will be available to purchase.

GED Testing

For those Adults who are unable to attend adult education classes, we offer GED testing around the month during each semester. You must call a week prior to the testing date to reserve your seat. Space is limited!

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- You must bring picture I.D.
- You must meet all Jurisdictional Requirements.

Testing Dates are as follows:

February 18, 2004 @ 6:00 p.m.
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Students build a real dream house

On a snowy afternoon earlier this month, a special Open House was held to display the finished product resulting from the hard work of nearly two dozen Grayling High School Building Trades students - a beautiful, bright and sunny home in the Sherwood Forest Subdivision.

The Open House was held January 10 and about 50 visitors took tours of the newly finished home at 617 Robinhood Lane in Grayling Township, including Building Trade students themselves who came to critique their own work and answer questions about their experience.

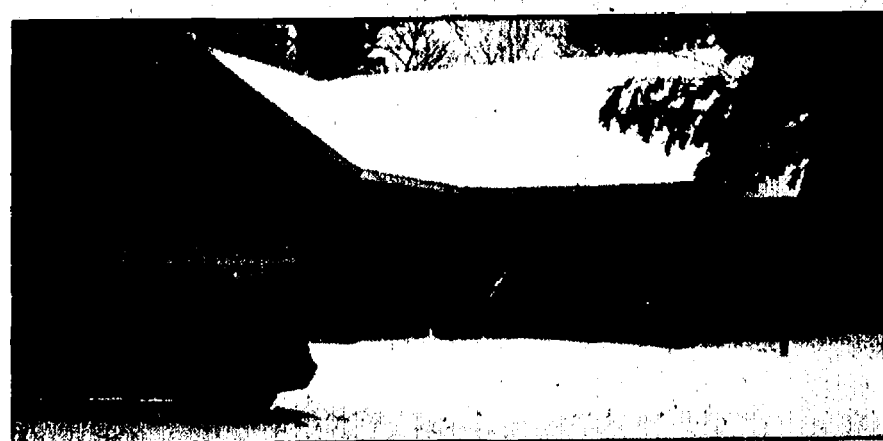
Hosts included Crawford AuSable School District Superintendent Milli Haug and

Business Manager Mike Dunkel.

The Building Trades House Project began in the summer of 2001 with the determination of building lot and house design. A committee of school employees and community members reviewed various designs, planned a budget and created a preliminary phasing schedule for the next two school years.

During the two years, 23 juniors and seniors worked on the project.

Building Trades class curriculum covers all phases of residential construction including home foundation, framing, exterior and interior finishing, roughing, wiring, trim, lighting and heating



617 Robinhood Lane

systems.

Students received direct instruction on all phases of the project by the instructor and professional contractors. They worked side-by-side with electricians, plumbers, builders, flooring installers, cabinet installers and mechanical contractors. The students also learned how to apply for permits and why building codes are important.

During the first year, students built the floor decking, framed the house and completed the roof. They braved the bitter cold to be sure the roof was complete

by the end of the first school year.

Once the roof was completed, the students began concentrating in the second school year on the interior and exterior finishes, electrical, plumbing and mechanical systems, as well as drywalling, siding, deck construction, cabinets, flooring, trim and other finishes.

The project was completed in mid-December.

The home, measuring 1,234 square feet, is vinyl sided in light gray, with wood deck porches at both the front and back



Karyn Ruley checks out the space-saving pantry just off the cooking area.

entrances. There are three bedrooms (the master bedroom has a walk-in closet), 2-1/2 baths, a living room, kitchen, dining room, utility room, full basement, attached insulated two-car garage, and central air conditioning. Carpet and flooring are of a neutral color.

The home is now listed for sale with Randall Hartley of Century 21 River Country Real Estate in Grayling.



Photos by Cheryl Ruley

School Superintendent Milli Haug and Business Manager Mike Dunkel greeted about 50 visitors to the recently completed Building Trades Project Home during an Open House on January 10. The house is now for sale, priced at \$137,500.

Schools' survey results are in

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Respondents were nearly evenly split over whether it was necessary to close Frederic Elementary School with slightly more people feeling it was necessary.

Respondents were asked whether they would support a bond issue to expand and improve the current gym facility

to include a community component, such as a walking track.

Forty-five percent said they were unlikely to support it, while 39 percent said they probably would.

When asked the same question without a community component the number who would be unlikely to support the bond issue rose to slightly over 51 percent.

The board will now have to decide whether or not to present a bond proposal to the District's voters in 2004 and whether it should include a community component.

The Board of Education also plans to work toward improving communications with the community.

Library Board appoints interim director

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There was no motion made. The board moved on to discussing the appointment of an interim director and a search team.

Priebe said he spoke with longtime library administrative assistant Mary Kay Hinkle regarding the temporary leadership position, but she declined.

At the meeting Hinkle indicated

she would take the position for a week until the board made other arrangements, but the board voted unanimously to appoint Youth Services Librarian Bambi Mansfield-Sanderson as the interim director until a special meeting January 23, when the board will have a job description ready for her.

"I'm willing to step up and do anything to help this library keep

serving the public, especially the children," she said.

A Search Committee of Barbara Clark Greene and Loretta Hassan has been instructed to begin advertising and searching for a new director. They are the same team that recommended Elsner's hiring two years ago.

Priebe said he believes the board "set the bar so high the last time, we limited ourselves on the amount of candidates (from which to choose)."

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Grayling Rotary Pot Of Gold
Grayling Rotary Club Pot of Gold raffle winners for January are: \$100 - Dick Shay, \$50 Luke Petrosky, \$25 A.J. Stencil.
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Volleyball 6B

GHS wins Houghton Lake rematch 90-69

Vikings edged 68-66

Gladiators win on buzzer beater

Fourth quarter comeback by Grayling foiled by last second shot

In a conference varsity boys basketball battle at GHS on Friday, the Vikings lost to the visiting Gladiators of Traverse City St. Francis 68-66 on a fourth quarter buzzer beater.

Grayling led 13-11 after one quarter but trailed 32-26 at the half. The Gladiators took a 48-42 advantage into the fourth quarter.

The Vikings scored the first basket of the fourth period — a put-back by Roy Czapek — to pull Grayling within four. Traverse City answered to go back up by six. Grayling scored two on a put-back by Joe Lange.

A triple and a lay-up by TCSF put the Gladiators ahead by nine, 55-46. Grayling scored on a drive by Gibson Tobin. Two free throws put Traverse City back up by nine. Two shots inside by Czapek pulled Grayling within six, 58-52. A drive by Traverse City and a jumper by Czapek left the Gladiator lead at six. TCSF scored a jumper to lead by eight, 62-54, with 3:45 left in regulation.

Two free throws by Tobin pulled Grayling within six. A

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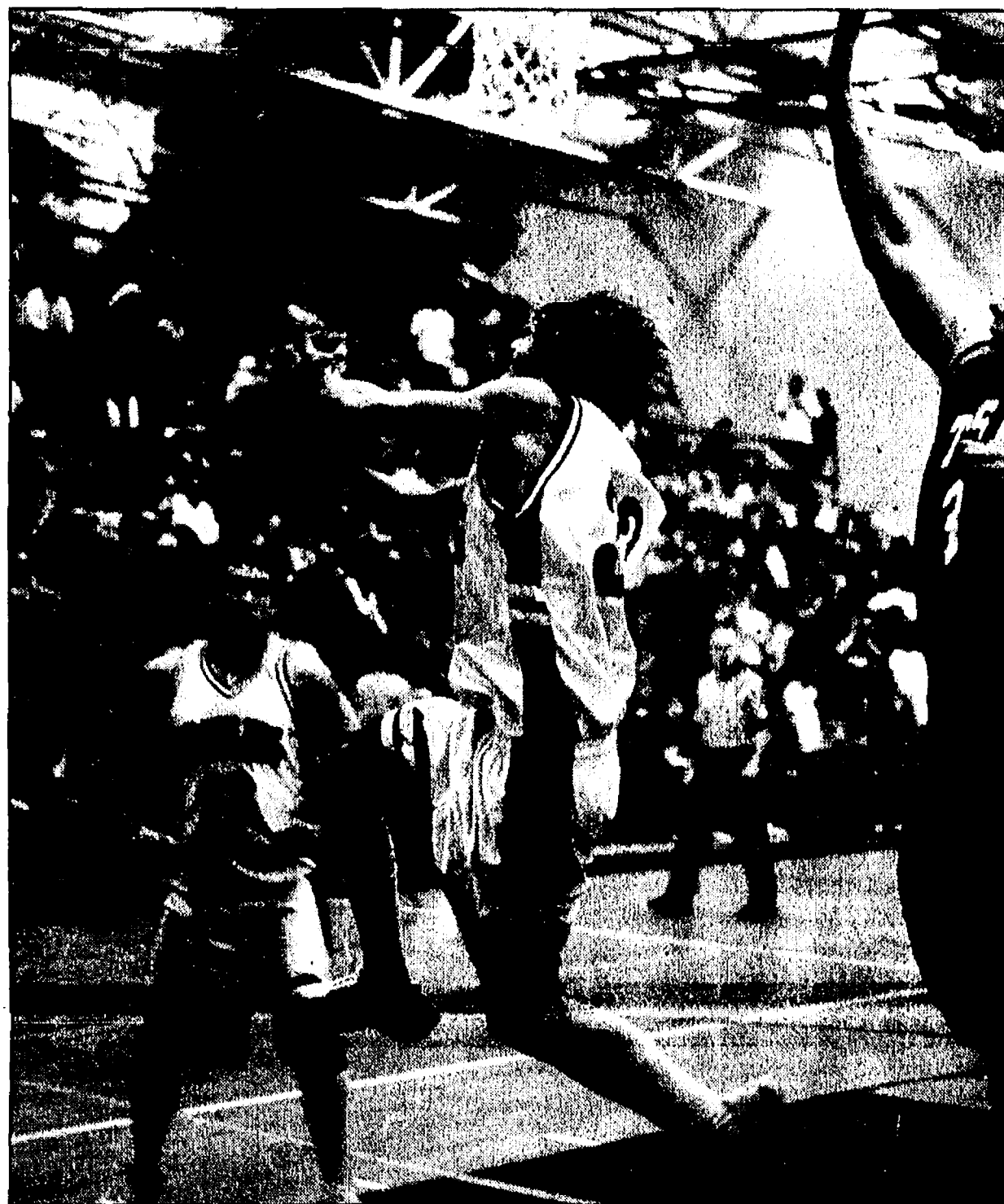


Photo by Caleb Casey

Gibson Tobin drives past a Traverse City St. Francis defender for a reverse lay-up in last Friday's varsity boys basketball game at GHS.

GHS football coach resigns

Mensing accepts Owosso job

Assistant coach Ben Brock has been named interim coach

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Jay Mensing, head football coach at Grayling High School, has resigned from his coaching position at GHS and accepted the job of head football coach at Owosso High School, a Class A school downstate.

Mensing, who guided GHS to its first play-off victory in school history in his first season with the program and was named Class B Coach of the Year in Michigan by the Associated Press, will be leaving Grayling at the end of the 2003-04 school year.

The Vikings were 8-3 under Mensing, including a 1-1 post-season record.

"After his coach of the year award, he started receiving phone calls asking if he was interested in their coaching positions. I don't believe he searched, they contacted him," Athletic Director Brian Banda. "It's a great opportunity for him. From my talks with him, it was not an easy decision for him. I'm happy for him and respect what he did for us for one year. I wish he could stay longer."

"I enjoyed my experience in Grayling," Coach Mensing said. "I enjoyed working with the community, administration, and most importantly, the student body. I look forward to being

with them next semester."

"I was pleasantly surprised when this opportunity (at Owosso) became available, when they approached me," Coach Mensing said. "I feel fortunate I was able to work with the community of Grayling."

"The important thing is what he did for Grayling," Banda said. "He brought success to Grayling. In one year, we went from the least amount of wins in a three-year period to the most wins in one year ever. We can't lose sight of that, the good things he brought to the community."

"This is a sad day for the football family and Grayling athletics. We're going to miss Coach Mensing. He's a one-of-a-kind football coach. We at the athletic department and administration wish him the best of luck," Banda said.

Ben Brock, an assistant coach of the 2003 team, has been named interim head football coach at GHS. Banda said his goal is to have Mensing's official replacement selected by February 13, 2004. Brock is one of the candidates, Banda said.

"(Mensing) has developed a good work ethic in the football program and has laid a good foundation for the next coach. The program's work ethic and confidence will carry over to the new coach," Banda said.

Mensing was also the head track coach at GHS and the volunteer coach of the powerlifting team. The head coaching position for track will be posted in February, Banda said.

Ski team wins 3 of 4 in opener

Boys team beats Roscommon and Mt. Pleasant, girls team splits

The Grayling High School ski team won three of four events against Mt. Pleasant and Roscommon in the team's season opener last Monday at Treetops Resort in Gaylord.

The girls team defeated Roscommon 29-45, but lost to a strong Mt. Pleasant squad 52-25. (Low score wins.)

Against Roscommon, the Vikings were led by Mallory Olson, who placed 1st in slalom and 2nd in giant slalom (GS). Heather Vandecar was 5th in slalom and 1st in GS. Kassie McClain took 6th in slalom and 5th in GS. Katie Baynham placed 3rd in slalom and 10th in GS after recovering from a fall. Erica Moggo placed 7th in slalom and 6th in GS, and Ashley Jurkovich took 11th in both races.

Against perennial Alpine League champions Mt. Pleasant, Grayling's top finish was 2nd in GS by Vandecar, a senior. She placed 7th vs. Mt. Pleasant in slalom after climbing back for a gate. Olson placed 4th in slalom and 6th in GS. Baynham was 5th in slalom and 11th in GS, and McClain placed 9th in both events. Moggo and Jurkovich, both freshmen, placed 11th and 12th, respectively, in both events.

Grayling's boys team, racing five juniors and two freshmen, defeated both Roscommon (23-60) and Mt. Pleasant (33-39).

"The Vikings were ranked 10th in the state at the start of the season by the Michigan High School Ski Coaches Association panel of coaches. The top four boys have raced together since they were freshmen. Late last season they caught the eye of a lot of coaches that noted at the MHSAA Regionals that these young racers were all sophomores who looked real good and would all be returning," Coach Mike Wieland said.

Against Roscommon last week, Grayling took the top five spots in GS and four of the top five in slalom. Trevor Clough placed 1st in both races. Jon Handy placed 5th in slalom and 2nd in GS, and Jim Jansen was 4th in slalom and 3rd in GS. Pat McNally placed 3rd in slalom and 5th in GS. Adam Gilbert took 12th in slalom and 4th in GS. Freshman Jimmy Hilbrecht placed 7th in slalom and Chris Gildner, also a freshman, placed 8th in GS.

"The Vikings lost last year's league championship to Mt. Pleasant by a narrow margin. Both teams returned most of their skiers. The Vikes out-skied the Oilers in both events, winning the giant slalom 17-19 and the slalom 16-20," Coach Wieland said.

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See "SKI TEAM WINS..."

Vikings win 19-team tournament

GHS finishes 1st at Ithaca meet, nine Vikings earn medals

The GHS wrestling team won the tournament championship at Saturday's Ithaca Invitational, a 19-team meet.

Nine Vikings earned medals at the event.

After the third round, Grayling took the lead and held on to win. The Vikings finished with 183 team points. Second place New Lothrop ended the day with 160 team points.

"Again, Grayling's wrestlers stepped up to the challenge

with a 100 percent team effort to take a commanding lead. This tournament was one of the toughest held in the state," Coach Don Ferguson said.

Grayling's nine medalists at Ithaca were: 2nd place — Joel Wilson (145), Darryl Babbitt (160), Mike Gassman (171), Brandon Pratt (189), Aaron

Rosecrans (215); 3rd — Adam Malone (135), Dusty Partello (171); 6th — Corey Metzger (125), Brian Borchers (140).

The Vikings will host Pineconing on Thursday, January 22, at 6 p.m. On Thursday, January 29, the team will wrestle Ogemaw Heights and Standish at West Branch.



Grayling High School's wrestling team celebrates its tournament championship at Ithaca this past weekend.



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Gladiators win on buzzer beater

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free throw by Lange cut the Traverse City lead to five. Traverse City moved the ball around to kill time, and Grayling forced a tie-up. The possession arrow favored Grayling.

Traverse City fouled, and Czapek hit one of two at the line. Grayling trailed by four, 62-58, with 1:50 remaining.

Ryan Schmidt came up with a steal, but the Vikings were whistled for a foul on a rebound attempt. Traverse City hit one of two free throws to go up by five, 63-58, with 1:23 left in the game.

Grayling turned the ball over and fouled. Traverse City hit one of two at the line.

With 37 seconds remaining, Tobin hit a three-pointer to pull Grayling within three, 64-61.

Traverse City scored a shot inside to go back up by five. Grayling answered with a jumper by Tobin. The Gladiators led by three, 66-63, with 15 seconds left.

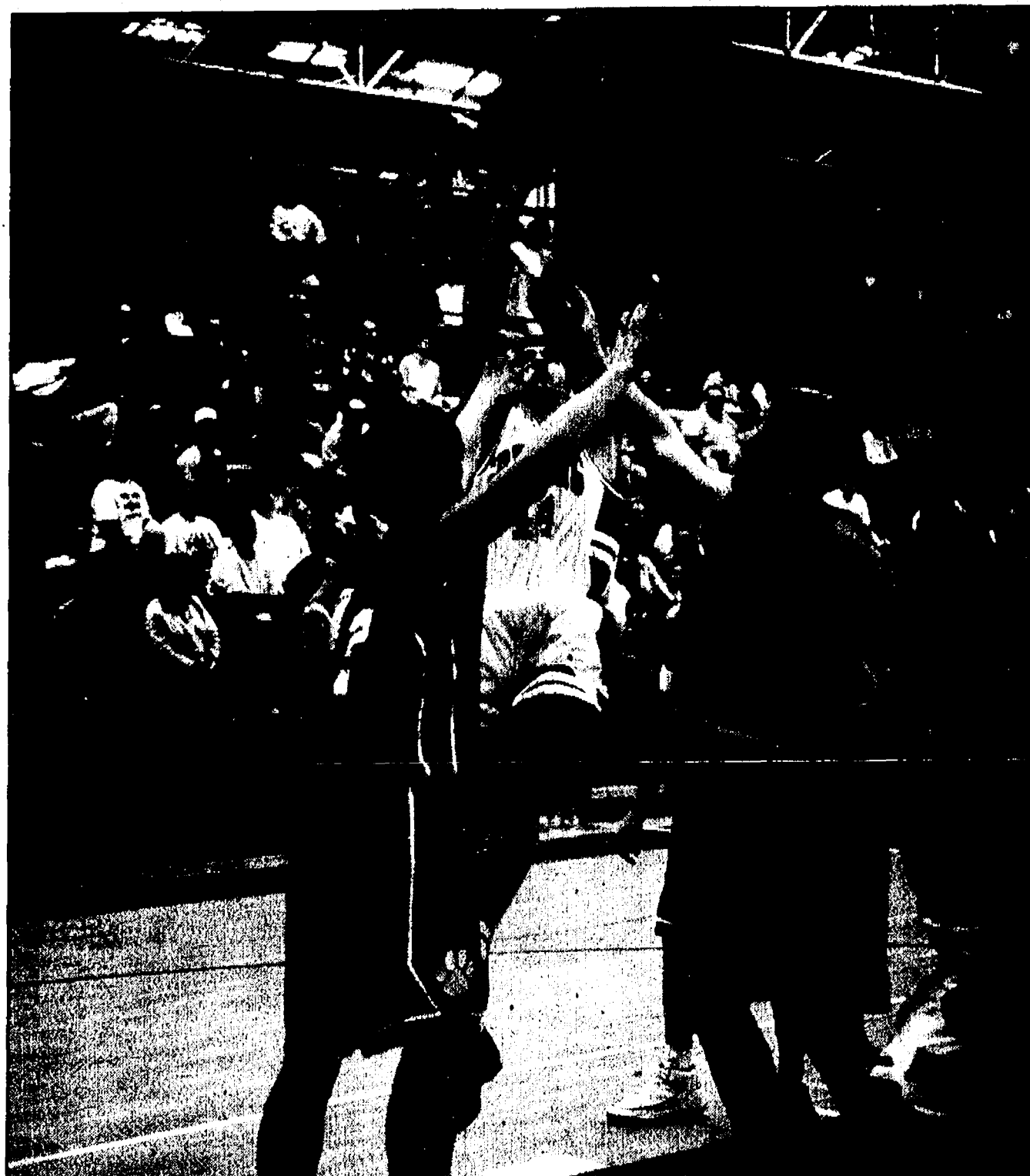
Travis Helsel stole the ball for Grayling on the TCSF in-bounds play and tried for a quick three-pointer to tie. The shot didn't go in. Traverse City rebounded the ball near the baseline and tried to get the ball in to an open Gladiator before landing out of bounds. Lange picked off the pass and dishd to Helsel, who hit the three-point shot, tying the game at 66-66 with 3.8 seconds remaining.

Traverse City got the ball in and fired a jumper from just inside three-point range at the buzzer. The ball went in, giving Traverse City St. Francis a 68-66 victory.

Grayling fell to 2-1 in the Lake Michigan Conference with the loss.

On Tuesday night, the Vikings won a rematch with Houghton Lake 90-69. (The Vikings lost to the Bobcats 89-82 at HL earlier this season, in overtime.)

On Tuesday, in a game played at GHS, Grayling had a huge first quarter. The Vikings got off to an



Photos by Caleb Casey

Joe Lange takes a shot near the basket in last Tuesday's game vs. Houghton Lake.

amazing start, scoring 20 points in the first 3:30 of the game. Grayling led 33-16 after one quarter and had a 51-37 advantage at halftime.

The Vikings led by 20 after three quarters, 75-55, and won by 21, 90-69. It was the third time this year Grayling has reached the 90-point mark in a single game.

"Defensive intensity was A-1 in our rematch game. Our team played with an unselfishness on the offensive end. We filled lanes in transition and made great decisions with the ball," Coach Rich

Moffit said.

Including the two games last week, Grayling is 4-3 so far this

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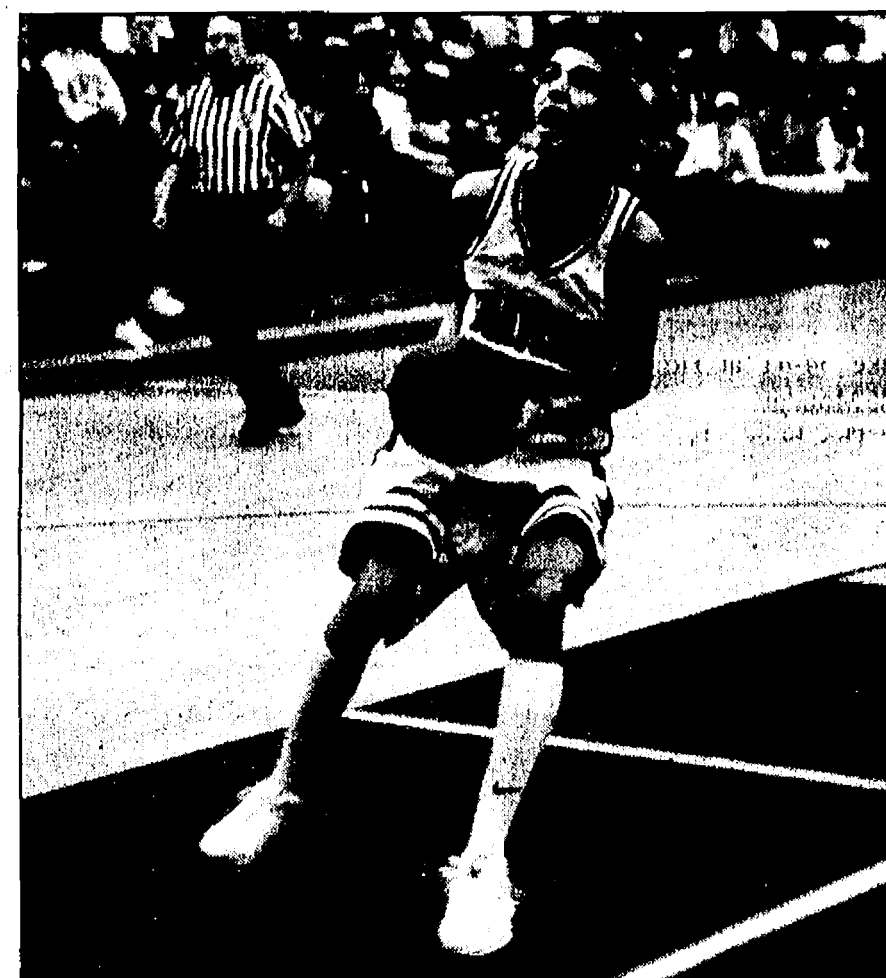
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Josh Hinkle gets a wide open look at the basket on Tuesday night.

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Plaza	19
Ole Barn	18
Frederic Inn	18
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8 On The Break: Charlie, (Sawmill LMM), Greg G., (Ole Barn).	

JV Vikings fall to Glads, Bobcats

The GHS junior varsity boys basketball team fell to 3-4 overall with losses in two home games last week.

On Tuesday, Houghton Lake pulled away in the third quarter to defeat Grayling by a final score of 59-43.

The Bobcats led 19-10 after one quarter, but the Vikings rallied in the second period and cut Houghton Lake's lead to two, 25-23, by halftime.

With a 17-7 third quarter and a 17-13 fourth period, the Bobcats won by 16.

"We came out strong, then had a bad third quarter, scoring seven and giving up 17. We need to start putting up points and playing better defense," Coach Butch Hayes said.

The leading scorer for Grayling was Eli VanNuck with 12 points. Matt Swope, Zac

Baker, Russ Peters, Ryan Feldhauser, Jim Boylan, and Zach Dean also scored for the Vikings in the match.

On Friday, the Vikings fell to the visiting Gladiators of Traverse City St. Francis 60-48.

The Gladiators led by 19 at halftime (35-16) and 20 after three quarters (53-33). Grayling wasn't able to make up any ground until the fourth quarter.

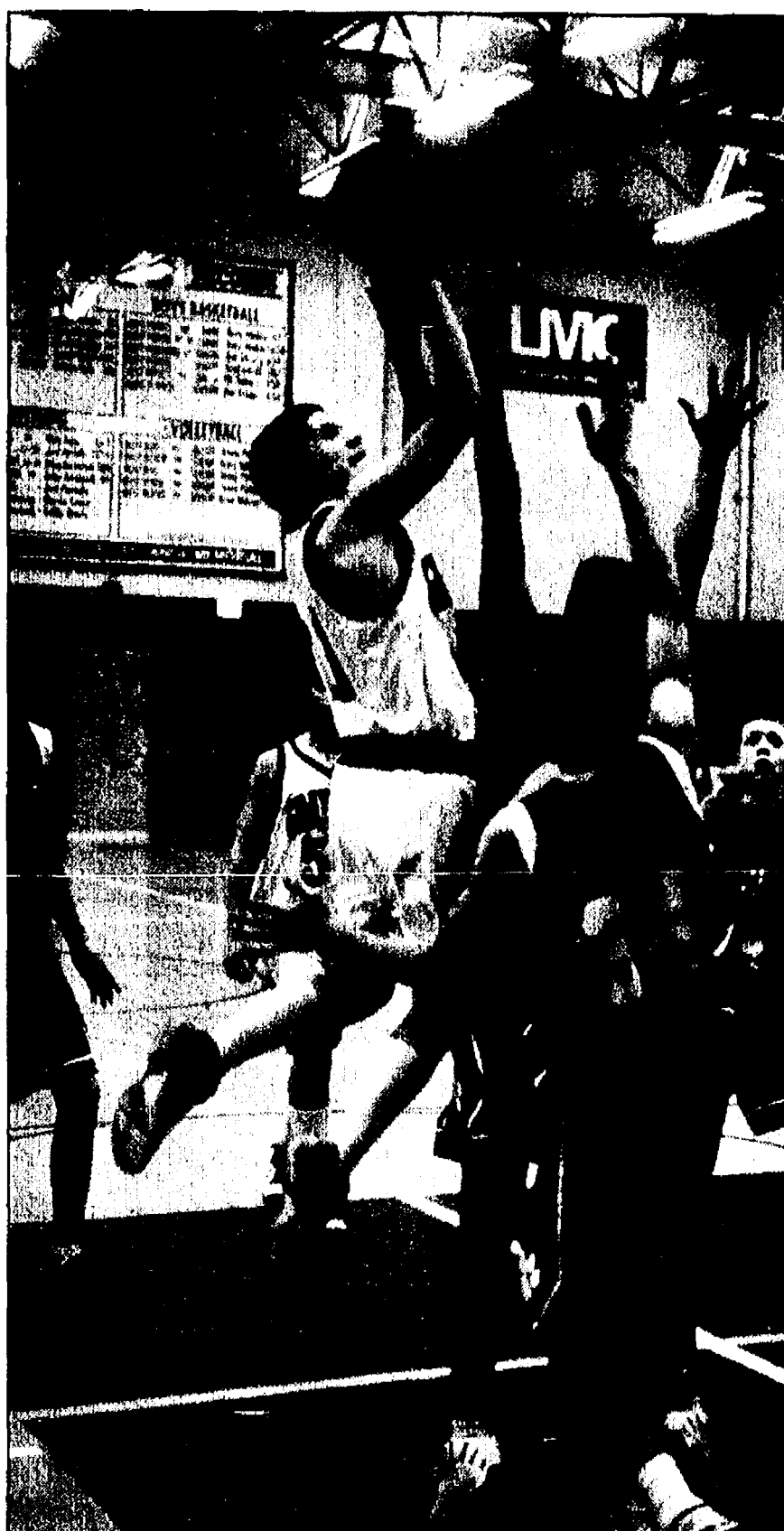
"We got off to a slow start, but played well in the fourth," Coach Hayes said. "Hopefully that will trigger something for us."

Grayling's leading scorers vs. TCSF were VanNuck (12) and Reagan Schmidt (10). Feldhauser, Baker, Ron Johnston, Dean, and Boylan also scored for GHS.

The Vikings will host Charlevoix on Friday, January 23.



The junior cheerleaders, local girls in grades K-5, perform at halftime of Tuesday night's JV game. The girls worked with the GHS cheerleading program prior to last week's performance.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Reagan Schmidt drives to the basket in last week's game against Houghton Lake.

Freshman team falls to Bobcats

The Grayling High School freshman boys basketball team lost to the Bobcats of Houghton Lake 54-41 at Houghton Lake last Monday.

"The boys played their best basketball of the season on Monday night," Coach Joe Mau said. "We were only down by four points early in the third quarter and really did a nice job of protecting the basketball and feeding the big guys inside. We still have some more work to do, but overall, I was pleased with the boys' effort and passion tonight."

Leading scorer for Grayling was Terry Fraley with 9 points and 5 rebounds. Jeremiah Bootz had 8 points and 8 rebounds. Nick Parkinson scored 6 points and finished with 4 rebounds for Grayling.

The Gladiators of Traverse City St. Francis won last Friday's freshman boys basketball game at GHS by a final score of 50-36.

The Gladiators led 8-2 after one quarter of play. The Vikings set up some decent scoring opportunities, but had trouble finishing.

Traverse City had a 19-13 advantage at halftime. The Vikings scored their 13 first half points on jumpers by Patrick Belcher and Doug Slater, a shot inside by Parkinson, a jump shot by Fraley, inside shots by Bootz and Fraley, and free throws by Scot Olson and Slater.

With a 7-0 run to start the second half, Grayling took a 20-19 lead. The run included a jumper by Olson, a shot inside by Parkinson, and a triple by Olson.

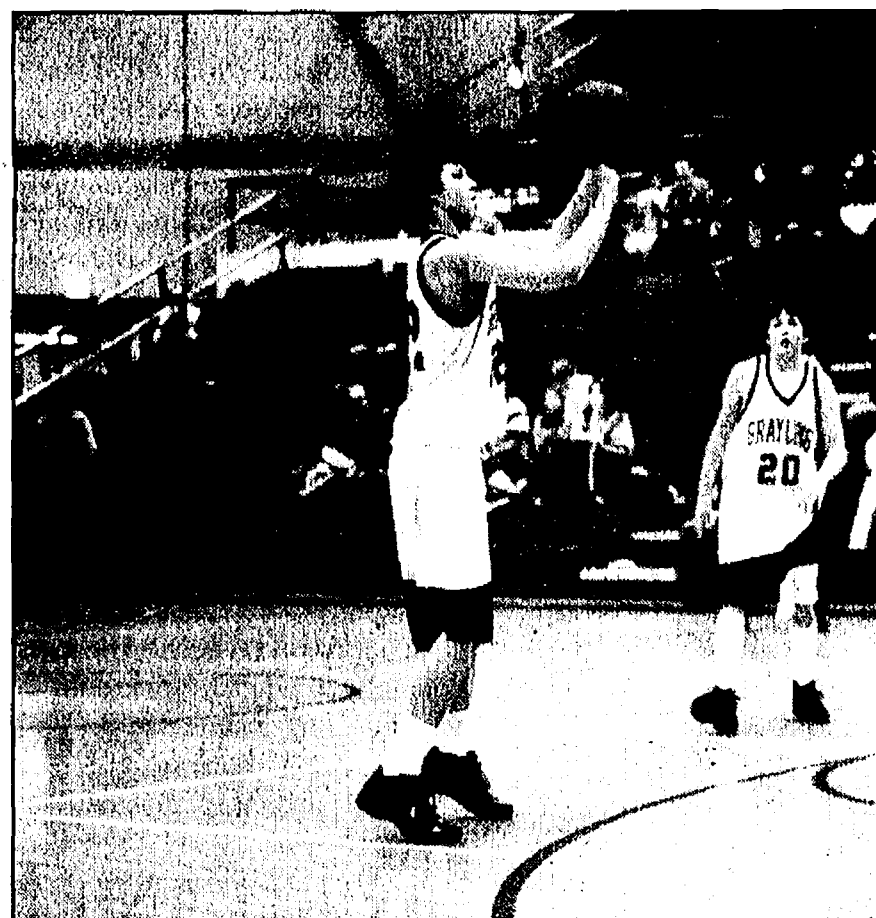
Traverse City St. Francis outscored Grayling 12-2 in the remainder of the third quarter to take a 31-22 advantage into the fourth period. The Gladiators capitalized on several Viking turnovers in the quarter.

Traverse City scored the first two baskets of the fourth period. A three-point play by Fraley and a triple by Olson pulled Grayling within seven, 35-28.

Two put-backs by Parkinson cut Traverse City's lead to six, 39-33, with 3:54 left in regulation, but the Gladiators pulled away down the stretch to seal the win.

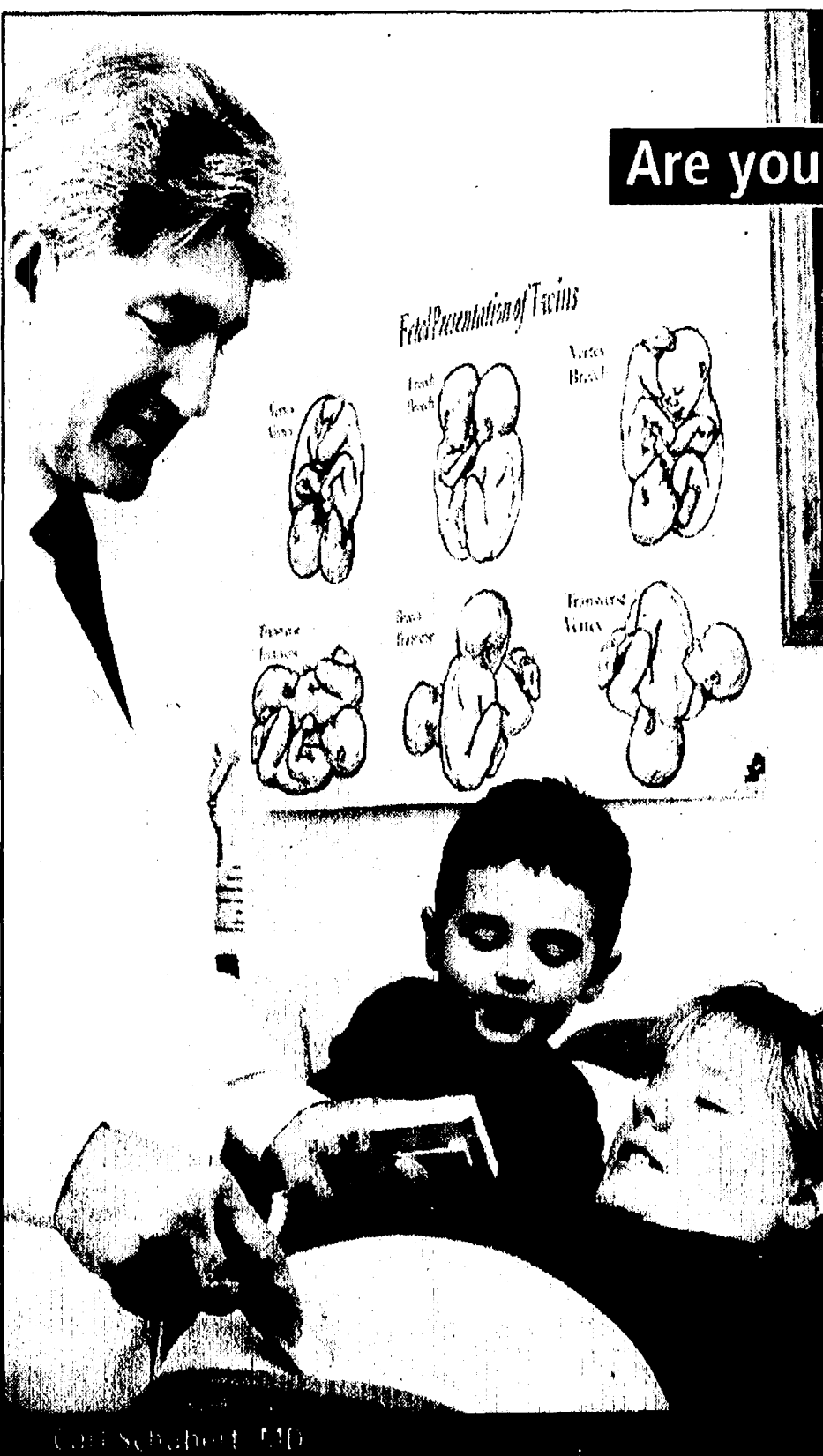
High scorers for Grayling were: Parkinson (12), Olson (9), and Fraley (7).

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Steve Meharg shoots from 3-point range on Friday.

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Ski races held at Hanson Hills

Recreation area hosts a weekend of cross country ski racing

About 60 skiers competed in the annual Hanson Hills Classic cross country ski race on Sunday, January 11. The event included men's and women's divisions in

both a 12K main event and a 6K junior class.

Overall winners of the event were: Rachel Knott, 12K Women's Race, with a time of 0:51:59; Dennis Paull, 12K Men's Race, 0:38:11; Cassidy Edwards, 6K Junior Women's Race, 0:21:02; Miles Caufmann, 6K Junior Men's Race, 0:27:07. A complete list of 2004

Hanson Hills Classic results, courtesy of Grayling Recreation Authority, is available on this page or on the internet at: www.hansonhills.org

On Saturday, January 10, more than 100 skiers competed in a 2004 Michigan Cup Marathon cross country ski race event at Hanson Hills. The race included 30K and 15K divisions.

Overall winners of the Michigan Cup Marathon races were: Andy Triebold, Men's 30K, 01:25:54; Brad Winkler, Junior Men's 15K, 0:45:28; Jessi Schwab, Junior Women's 15K, 0:52:41.

For complete results of the 2004 Michigan Cup Marathon event held at Hanson Hills, visit: www.hansonhills.org

Hanson Hills Classic Ski Race Results

2004 Hanson Hills Classic Cross Country Ski Race Results

(Bib#, Name, Age Group, Time)

Women 12K-

Overall Winner
147 Rachel Knott 18-25 0:51:59

Age Group Results

31-35

148 Julia Houle 31-35 0:52:01

146 Amy Todd 31-35 1:00:31

151 Gini Breidenbach 31-35 1:09:57

46-50

144 Roxanne Barton 46-50 0:56:31

149 Carole Mueller-Brumbaugh 46-50 1:02:44

51-55

152 Sarah Cockrell 51-55 0:57:27

145 Gussie Peterson 51-55 1:02:06

61+

150 Beth Caldwell 61-up 1:35:33

Men 12K-

Overall Winner
521 Dennis Paull 36-40 0:38:11

Age Group Results

26-30

489 Andrew Triebold 26-30 0:39:16

525 Mike'n Bob Smith 26-30 0:48:22

510 Jeff Manss 26-30 1:00:35

36-40

495 Dell Todd 36-40 0:48:01

516 Mike Seaman 36-40 0:48:23

41-45

496 Jamie Green 41-45 0:44:57

502 Jeff Laprad 41-45 0:46:30

497 Bob Eiler 41-45 0:52:22

494 Anthony Kooney 41-45 0:57:38

520 Tom Kuhn 41-45 1:08:55

522 Kurt Dingman 41-45 1:20:23

46-50

492 Greg Worsnop 46-50 0:40:34

501 Randall Blandel 46-50 0:41:58

488 Tim Triebold 46-50 0:42:25

498 Chris Weingartz 46-50 0:43:02

507 Mike Muha 46-50 0:43:28

526 Robert Fairman 46-50 0:50:37

491 Mark Madorski 46-50 0:50:51

529 Tom Baron 46-50 0:52:10

513 Rick Neier 46-50 1:01:11

524 Greg Worrel 46-50 1:02:16

523 Dan Sutherland 46-50 1:22:55

51-55

506 Bill Brunday 51-55 0:41:59

511 Don Camp 51-55 0:43:38

493 Curt Peterson 51-55 0:44:07

528 Dick Fultz 51-55 0:48:31

486 Bob West 51-55 0:52:31

504 Spencer Ruffner 51-55 0:58:23

499 George Gambert 51-55 1:00:35

56-60

508 William Kaltz 56-60 0:47:29

487 Steve Smigiel 56-60 0:47:50

505 Lloyd Anderson 56-60 0:50:34

503 Ernie Brumbaugh 56-60 0:53:20

500 Peter Johnson 56-60 0:53:38

517 Douglas Cale 56-60 0:53:42

530 Max Johnson 56-60 1:02:32

61+

509 Ed Clary 61-up 0:50:29

512 John Caldwell 61-up 1:06:40

514 Ray Drysdale 61-up 1:07:23

490 John Sturtevant 61-up 1:09:28

519 Marvin Stevenson 61-up 1:25:25

527 Ned Rambo 61-up 1:32:07

Junior Women 6K-

Overall Winner
16 Cassidy Edwards 17-19 0:21:02

Age Group Results

14-16

15 Catrina Gullledge 14-16 0:30:58

13 Rebecca Barton 14-16 0:31:07

Junior Men 6K-

Overall Winner
18 Miles Caufmann 14-16 0:27:07

Age Group Results

13-under

12 Zach Laprad 13 0:45:07

14-16

17 John Pulcifer 14-16 0:33:17

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Ski team wins 3 of 4 in opener

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Against Mt. Pleasant, Clough placed 2nd in both races. Handy placed 6th in slalom and 3rd in GS for nine team points. Jansen was 5th in both races for 10 team points. McNally took 3rd in slalom and 9th in GS for 12 points. Gilbert was 7th in GS and 11th in slalom. Hilbrecht and Gildner placed 9th and 11th in slalom and GS, respectively.

Grayling's boys team finished first and the girls team took second in the five-team Bellaire

Invitational last Friday at Schuss Mountain.

The boys team edged Saginaw Heritage, a Class A school, by three points, to win a team title at the Bellaire meet.

Clough led the Vikings by finishing 4th in both events for eight team points. McNally placed 6th in slalom and 8th in GS. Jansen was 8th in slalom and 7th in GS. Handy placed 11th in both races. Gilbert was 10th in GS and disqualified in slalom. Gildner placed 22nd in GS and Hilbrecht lost a ski in the slalom event and was disqualified.

The Grayling girls finished second behind host Bellaire. The team was led by Olson, who took 6th in both races. McClain was 9th in both races. Vandecar finished 5th in GS and fell in slalom, placing 18th. Baynam and Moggo each had 31 team points. Baynam took 8th in slalom (the team's second best finish in the event) but lost a ski in GS and was disqualified.

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10. GRAYLING

Moggo fell in slalom and placed 19th, but put a good run down the hill in GS (12th) to preserve Grayling's second place finish.

Combined, Grayling High School's ski teams are 19-5 so far this season.

The Vikings will ski at Nubs Nob on Thursday, January 22.

KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

Men's Team

WARREN - Tony Davis scored 26 points and grabbed 12 rebounds Thursday night to pace Macomb County Community College past Kirtland, 75-65.

Juandrell Lewis led the Firebirds with 22 points. Terrance Coker had 17 points and Kaleb House added 10 for Kirtland, which fell to 10-4 overall and 1-2 in the Michigan Community College Athletic

Association.

Women's Team

WARREN - Ashley Wagner scored 16 points and hauled down 17 rebounds to lead Macomb to a 74-48 victory Thursday over Kirtland.

Lori Hinkle led Kirtland with 13 points. Kenzie Steward added 10 as the Lady Firebirds lost their seventh straight game, falling to 4-11 overall and 0-3 in the league.



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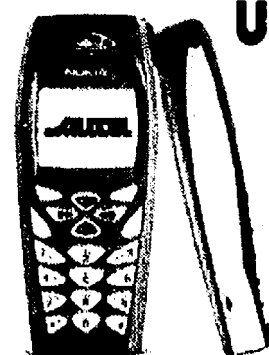
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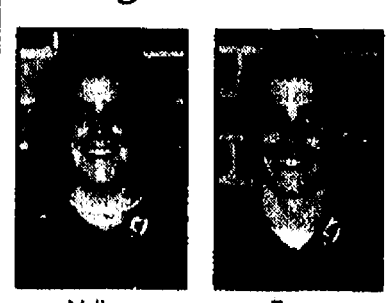
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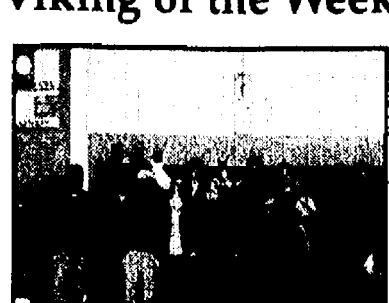


Skiing
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**MALLORY OLSON
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Mallory had the low score of 13 team points in 4 races vs. Roscommon and Mt. Pleasant. She placed 1st and 4th in slalom races and finished 6th in giant slalom. Trevor led the boys team in slalom last week with a score of 13. He finished 1st twice and 2nd twice in four races.

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Viking of the Week



Wrestling
Coach: Don Ferguson
THE TEAM

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owner! Now \$277 mo.

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tilt, nice truck. Was \$12,960. Now \$10,960

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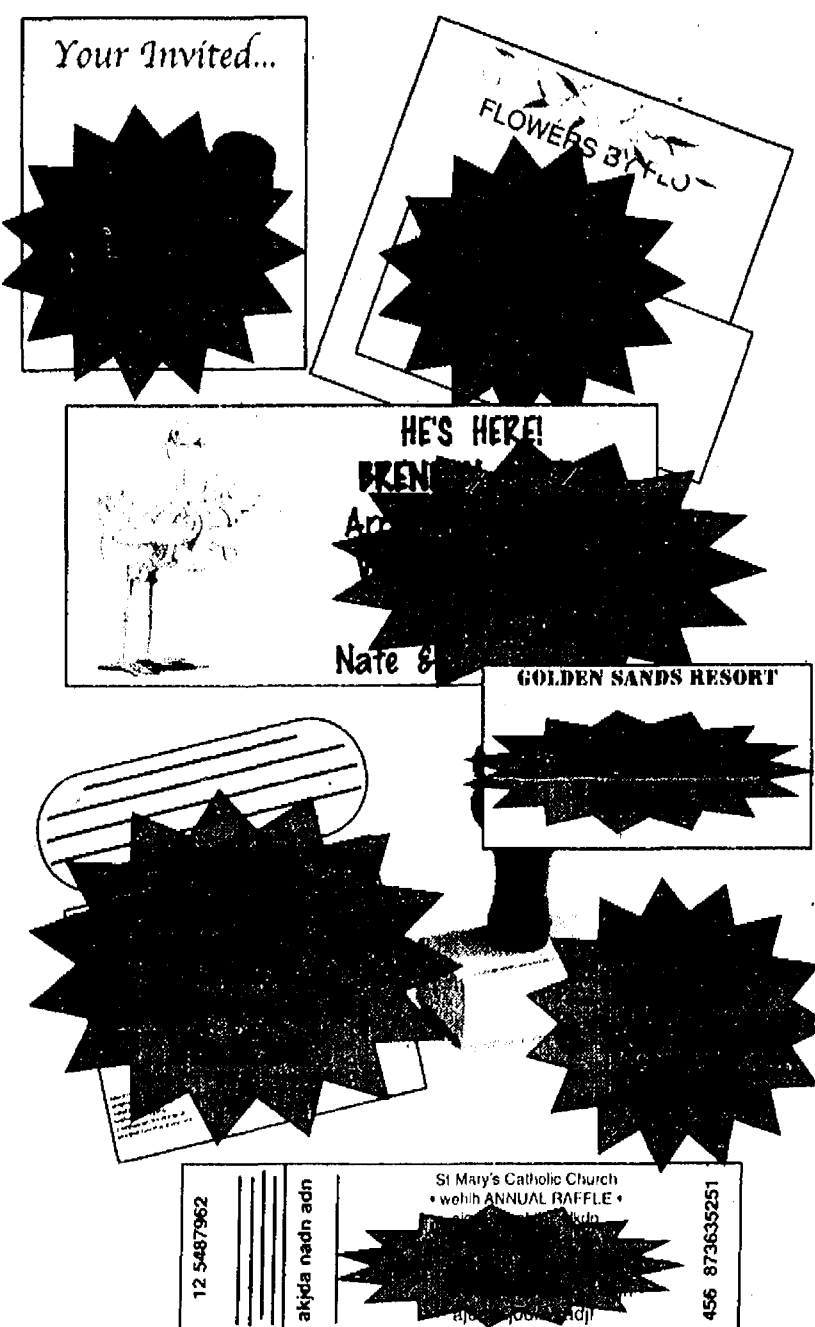
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JV volleyball team wins two at GHS

Grayling defeats Elk Rapids and Traverse City in home meet

In a JV volleyball meet at Grayling High School last Thursday, the Vikings of GHS defeated both Elk Rapids and Traverse City St. Francis in three game sets.

Grayling beat Elk Rapids 2-1. The Vikings won game one 15-9, then lost game two 15-6. GHS won the rubber match 15-8 to win the match.

The Vikings swept Traverse City St. Francis 2-0 with 15-11 and 15-9 victories.

On January 12, the Vikings lost to Roscommon and West Branch in a meet at Roscommon.

Grayling lost to Roscommon 2-0 (16-14, 15-5). Against West Branch Ogemaw Heights, the Falcons won game one 15-6. Grayling tied the match at 1-1 with a 15-13 victory in game two, but Ogemaw won the rubber match 15-8.

"The girls are playing very tough and the games are very close," Coach Jenny Swander said. "We need to continue to play tough instead of letting our nerves get the best of us. Once we do this we will start coming out the winner."

On January 8, the team lost a closely-contested match at Kalkaska 2-1. Grayling won the first game 16-14, but Kalkaska won the next two 15-8, 15-11.

Leading point scorers for GHS were: Tequila Reynolds (11), Chelsea Papendick (8), Samantha Wakeley (5), Jessie Morley (5), Chelsea Wolcott (3), and Andrea Southard (2).

"The girls came together well. They had good teamwork and hustle, which helped them win the first game. Serve receive was a big factor in games two and three of the match. Kalkaska was able to edge them out mostly due to more consistent serving," Coach Swander said.

The Vikings will host Houghton Lake on Monday, January 26, at 6 p.m.



Photo by Caleb Casey

Chelsea Wolcott goes up for a hit at the net in last week's meet at GHS.

BOWLING LEAGUE

American Men's League
Fenton's Auto Service . . . 21 - 7
Scheer Motors . . . 19 - 9
Eagles Club . . . 17 - 11
Moore's Automotive . . . 15 - 13
Gadco . . . 13 - 15
McLeans ACE . . . 11 - 17
Sawmill Tavern . . . 9 - 19
K-D's . . . 7 - 21
High Series: D. Henning, 608;
D. Canfield, 605; L. Davis, 600.
High Game: J. Robideau, 225; D.

Henning, 222; L. Davis, 222.
Monday Night Pioneer
McDonald's . . . 12 - 4
Grayling Restaurant . . . 9 - 7
Grayling Chiro.Clinic . . . 9 - 7
Rochette's . . . 9 - 7
Chemical Bank . . . 8 - 8
Custom Interior . . . 8 - 8
AJD Forest Product . . . 6 - 10
South Side River Rats . . . 3 - 13
High Series: N. Glasslee, 555; T. Hellebuyck, C. Clark, 497; B. Nielson, 488. High Game: N. Glasslee, 211; D. Calkins, 205; T. Parker, 198.

Senior Bowling
Flowers By Josie . . . 49 - 27
Spike's Keg O'Nails . . . 48 - 28
Kicking Grass . . . 35.5 - 30.5
Gray Rock . . . 39 - 37
Grayling Pharmacy . . . 38 - 38
Sylvester's Sports . . . 29.5 - 46.5
Lone Pine Restaurant . . . 28 - 48
Bear's Den Pizza . . . 27 - 49
Mens High Series: K. Harris, 581; G. Wolfe, 545; A. Smith, 514.
Mens High Game: K. Harris, 222; G. Wolfe, 214; O. Brantley, 194. Womens High Series: N. Glasslee, 513; R. Joyce, 457, H.

Stairs, 442.
Womens High Game: N. Glasslee, 213; R. Joyce, 187; H. Stairs, 173.

Friday Mixed Doubles
Calkins Excavating . . . 13 - 7
Moshier Auto Repair . . . 11 - 9
Charles Country Corner . . . 11 - 9
Double Trouble . . . 9 - 11
American Legion . . . 8 - 12
4 F.I. . . . 8 - 12
Mens High Series: D. Canfield, 557; R. Moshier, M. Campbell, 520; R. Trudeau, 513. Mens High Game: R. Trudeau, 213; M. Campbell, 210; D. Canfield, 199.
Womens High Series: K. Moshier, 501; S. Johnson, 477; S. France, 453. Womens High Game: K. Moshier, 173; M. Moshier, 169; C. Lewis, 165.

Recreation
Chicken Little Project . . . 10 - 2
Woody Girls . . . 9 - 3
Glen's Market . . . 8 - 4
Mickey Perez CPA . . . 6 - 6
Hawk Ridge Golf Course . . . 5 - 7
Peterson Saw Service . . . 5 - 7
Gale Enterprises . . . 4 - 8
Coldwell Banker . . . 1 - 11
High Series: M. Starks, 539; J.

Czapek, 482; V. Balmes, 472.
High Game: M. Starks, 210; S. Harney, 193; S. Johnson, 189.

National First
Hart Pontiac-GMC . . . 14 - 7
Sawmill . . . 14 - 7
Northern White Tail . . . 12 - 9
Corky's Karaoke . . . 11 - 10
Denholm Chiropractic . . . 10 - 11
AuSable Construction . . . 9 - 12
Legion Lanes . . . 7 - 14
Faustman's Insurance . . . 7 - 14
High Series: A. Angove, 657; L. Davis, 624; D. Walker, 590.
High Game: A. Angove, 256; T. Sowinski, 243; L. Davis, 238.

Sunday Nite Mixed Doubles
Little Tyke Daycare . . . 26 - 9
Fritch Electric . . . 20 - 15
Calkins Excavating . . . 20 - 15
Beckett Construction . . . 18 - 17
Dairy Queen . . . 17 - 18
Weyerhaeuser . . . 15 - 20
Denmo . . . 13 - 22
River Valley Grille . . . 11 - 24
Mens High Series: B. Nielson, 585; S. Miller, 564; P. Baker, 511. Mens High Game: D. Kirchoff, 233; B. Nielson, 231; S. Miller, 197. Womens High Series: T. Rock, 462; S. France, 434; B. Bresmon, 416. Womens High Game: T. Rock, 185; S. France, 156; L. Bale, 152.

Northwoods League
Three Chicks . . . 17 - 11
Bud Lite Chicks . . . 14 - 14
Choppers Spares . . . 13 - 15
Hal's Masonary . . . 12 - 16
Great Lakes Mort. . . . 03 - 25
High Series: T. Bernardo, 518; D. Harris, 449; S. Smith, 421.
High Game: L. Ellis, 201; T. Bernardo, 183; D. Harris, 164.

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Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Randall K. West, A/K/A Randall Keith West, and Sheri Marie West, husband and wife, of 10446 Regimental Way, Grayling, 49738-6741 to First National Bank of Gaylord, of 501 W. Main Street, P.O. Box 310, Gaylord, Michigan, 49735, dated June 5, 2000 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, and the State of Michigan, on July 6, 2000 in Liber 0511 Pages 223 through 226, Crawford County Records, and which there is a claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal, interest and late fees, the sum of \$93,020.96.

As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage; Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 4th day of February, 2004 at 10 o'clock a.m. the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the main entrance to the County Courthouse in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, of that premises described in the mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, on the mortgage, with interest thereon at the contract rate and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fee allowed by law, and also any sums which

may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the premises.

The premises are described as follows: Land situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, described as follows:

Lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15, Block 13 of Portage Heights, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Pages 23, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be six(6) months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

Dated: December 18, 2003
Bodman, Longley & Dahling LLP
By: Sandra L. Jasinski (P37430)
Debt Collector for First National Bank of Gaylord
229 Court Street, P.O. Box 405
Cheboygan, MI 49721
(231) 627-4351

-25-1-8-15-22

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may

be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Margaret Rita Pedrotte and A/K/A Margaret Pedrotte, a protected person, original mortgagor(s), to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated July 31, 1998, and recorded on August 26, 1998 in Liber 461 on Page 403, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date here of the sum of Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Four And 58/100 Dollars (\$15,554.58), including interest at 9% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on February 11, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, Section 29, Town 28 North, Range 2 West, (also being known as Parcel D)

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 8, 2004
For more information, please call:
FCJ 248.593.1311
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Citizens Bank
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

File #007933F01

-8-15-22-29

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James S. Morrow, II, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Bank of Ann Arbor, Mortgagee, dated October 28, 2002, and recorded on November 4, 2002 in Liber 605 on Page 354, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Washington Mutual Bank as assignee by an assignment dated November 12, 2002 recorded on July 23, 2003 in Liber 643 on Page 483, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Seven And 82/100 Dollars (\$35,727.82), including interest at 7.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given

that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on February 4, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot Numbered 44, Assessor's Plat of Switzerville, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 31, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 1, 2004
For more information, please call:
FCJ 248.593.1311
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Washington Mutual

Bank
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #008091F01

-1-8-15-22

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tury duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by: Heather Gorski, a married woman and Helmut Fritz, a married man to The Huntington National Bank, successor by merger to Empire National Bank, Mortgagee, dated May 19, 2000 and recorded on July 12, 2000 in Liber 0511 on Page 311, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of thirty one thousand six hundred forty seven and 48/100 dollars (\$31,647.48), including interest at 9.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on February 25, 2003.

Said premises are situated in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan and are described as:

Lot 16, Wakely Woods Subdivision
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 16, 2004

The Huntington National Bank,
Successor by merger to Empire National Bank

Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C., 30300 Northwestern Highway, Suite 222, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334.

-22-29-5-12-19

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Maynard L. Kirk, III, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Homestead USA, Inc., Mortgagee, dated September 29, 1999, and recorded on October 12, 1999 in Liber 492 on Page 541, and assigned by mesne assignments to First Nationwide Mortgage Corporation, a Delaware Corporation as assignee by an assignment dated March 2, 2000 recorded on April 26, 2000 in Liber 506 on Page 576, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Eight And 07/100 Dollars (\$46,368.07), including interest at 8.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on February 18, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 10, Wakeley Woods Subdivision, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 18, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 15, 2004
For more information, please call:
FC D 248.593.1309
Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For CitiMortgage, Inc. as successor in interest to First Nationwide Mortgage Corporation, a Delaware Corporation
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #008312F01

-15-22-29-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James Arthur Hurst, a single man and Madeline Marie Chase, a single woman as joint tenants, original mortgagor(s), to Centex Home Equity Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 2, 2001, and recorded on February 12, 2001 in Liber 528 on Page 484, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Nineteen Thousand Twenty-Three And 53/100 Dollars (\$19,023.53), including interest at 14% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the

Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on February 4, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 1: A parcel of Land located in the West ten acres of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 33, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, being further described as follows: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said Section 33, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, thence North 89 degrees 37 minutes 04 seconds West along the North line of said Section 1155.66 feet for a point of beginning; Thence continuing North 89 degrees 37 minutes 04 seconds West 163.63 feet; thence South 00 degrees 08 minutes 33 seconds East along the West 1/8 line 443.62 feet; thence South 89 degrees 35 minutes 17 seconds East 163.63 feet; thence North 00 degrees 08 minutes 33 seconds West 443.70 feet to the point of beginning. Be the same more or less, but subject to all legal highways.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 1, 2004
For more information, please call:
FC F 248.593.1313
Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Centex Home Equity Company, LLC successor by merger to Centex Home Equity Corporation
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #007879F01

-1-8-15-22

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ricky T. Egan, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to The Mortgage Store, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 13, 2001, and recorded on May 30, 2001 in Liber 537 on Page 473, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Flagstar Bank, FSB as assignee by an assignment dated April 13, 2001 recorded on May 30, 2001 in Liber 537 on Page 492, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Five And 78/100 Dollars (\$87,225.78), including interest at 8.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on February 18, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel A: Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 27, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan described as beginning on the East line of said Section 27 at a point which is South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 1027.80 feet along said East line from the East 1/4 corner of said Section 27; thence continuing along said East line of Section 27 South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 305.00 feet to the Southeast corner of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section; thence North 88 degrees 58 minutes 00 minutes West 370.00 feet along the South line of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section; thence North 12 degrees 58 minutes 30 seconds East 311.70 feet; thence South 88 degrees 58 minutes 00 seconds East 300.00 feet to the point of beginning.

TOGETHER WITH a private drive easement for ingress and egress and for

the installation and maintenance of public utilities over that part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 27, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, described as a strip of land 66.0 feet in width and lying 33.0 feet either side of a centerline which is described as beginning on the East line of said Section 27 at a point which is South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 1027.80 feet along said East line from East 1/4 corner of said Section 27; thence North 88 degrees 58 minutes 00 seconds West 300.00 feet; thence South 12 degrees 58 minutes 30 seconds West 277.94 feet; thence North 88 degrees 58 minutes 00 seconds West 1954.50 feet along a line which is 33.0 feet North of and parallel with the South line of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section to the point of ending of this centerline description.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 15, 2004
For more information, please call:
FC W 248.593.1312
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Flagstar Bank, FSB
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #008537F01

-15-22-29-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gregory P Stansbury, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Grayling State Bank, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 3, 1994, and recorded on June 15, 1994 in Liber 379 on Page 132, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventeen Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Four And 00/100 Dollars (\$17,644.00), including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on February 25, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township

of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: A Parcel of land in the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 4 and West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 9, Town 26 North, Range 1 West, described as follows: To find the place of beginning of this description; commencing at the 1/4 corner common to said Section 4 and 9; run thence North 00 Degrees 27 Minutes 13 Seconds West along the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 4 1322.16 Feet to the South 1/8 line of said Section 4 thence South 89 Degrees 53 Minutes 13 Seconds West along said 1/8 line 646.55 Feet to the place of beginning of this description; thence continuing South 89 Degrees 53 Minutes 13 Seconds West along said 1/8 line 646.56 Feet to the West 1/8 line of said Section 4; thence South 00 Degrees 18 Minutes 12 Seconds East along said West 1/8 line to the center thread of said river; thence downstream along said center thread to a point South 00 Degrees 22 Minutes 43 Seconds East of the place of beginning, thence North 00 Degrees 22 Minutes 43 Seconds West to an Iron Rod near the Northeastly bank of the AuSable River; thence continuing North 00 Degrees 22 Minutes 43 Seconds West 1311.48 Feet to the place of beginning. (Bearings are based on the West line of Section 9 between the West 1/4 corner and the Northwest corner assumed as North 00 Degrees 12 Minutes 20 Seconds West. Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 22, 2004
For more information, please call:
FC C 248.593.1301
Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Citizens Bank f/k/a Grayling State Bank, a Michigan Corporation
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
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File #009055F01

-22-29-5-12

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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David Bisel, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Chase

Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 15, 2002, and recorded on November 21, 2002 in Liber 608 on Page 478, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Two And 06/100 Dollars (\$45,882.06), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on February 25, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: All that part of the

East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the of the East 1/2 Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, lying South M-72, Section 15, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 22, 2004
For more information, please call:
FC S 248.593.1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #010666F01

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BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS BUREAU ORDINANCE #27

An Ordinance to establish a Municipal Ordinance Violations Bureau pursuant to Act No. 12 of the Public Acts of 1944 (MCL 600.8396) for the purpose of accepting civil infraction admissions of responsibility for municipal civil infractions for which municipal ordinance violation notices have been issued and served by authorized officials to collect and retain civil fines for such admissions as prescribed herein; and to repeal all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith.

BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDAINANCE SECTION I -- TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known and cited as "The Beaver Creek Township Municipal Ordinance Violations Bureau Ordinance." **SECTION II -- ESTABLISHMENT OF MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS BUREAU**

Beaver Creek Township hereby establishes a Municipal Ordinance Violations Bureau pursuant to 1994 P.A. 12 (MCL 600.8396), as it may be amended from time to time, to accept admissions of responsibility for municipal civil infractions for which municipal ordinance violation notices have been issued and served by authorized officials, and to collect and retain civil fines for such admissions as prescribed herein.

SECTION III -- CIVIL FINES

Unless a different schedule of civil fines is provided for by any Ordinance, the following schedule of civil fines shall apply, payable to the Municipal Ordinance Violations Bureau for admissions of responsibility by persons served with municipal ordinance violation notices: 1st Offense - \$75.00, 2nd Offense - \$150.00, 3rd Offense - \$325.00 & 4th Offense - \$500.00.

SECTION IV -- ORDINANCE VIOLATION NOTICE REQUIREMENTS AND ADMISSION OF RESPONSIBILITY

Any persons receiving any municipal ordinance violation notice shall be advised on the notice as to all matters required by law including, at a minimum, the offense, the time within which the person must contact the Municipal Ordinance Violations Bureau for purposes of admitting or denying responsibility, and the consequences for failure to pay the required fine or to contact the Bureau within the required time. Such person may admit responsibility for such violation before the Clerk of the Municipal Ordinance Violations Bureau or other designated Township employee(s) within the Bureau. Upon accepting such admission of responsibility, the Clerk or other designated employee(s) shall collect from the person the civil fine for such violation as provided in this Ordinance. The Clerk of the Bureau shall be a Township employee and shall be appointed to such position by resolution of the Township Board.

SECTION V -- DENIAL OF RESPONSIBILITY

With respect to any person who fails to admit responsibility and pay the required civil fine within the designated time period, the Clerk or other designated Township employee(s) within the Bureau shall advise the complainant to issue and file a municipal civil infraction violation citation for such violation with the Court for the 83rd Judicial District of the State of Michigan or such other court having jurisdiction of the matter. The citation filed with the court need not comply in all particulars with the requirements for citations as provided by Sections 8705 and 8709 of 1994 PA 12, but shall consist of a sworn complaint containing the allegations stated in the municipal ordinance violation notice and shall fairly inform the alleged violator how to respond to the citation. A copy of the citation may be served by first class mail upon the alleged violator at the alleged violator's last known address. The violation shall thereafter be processed as a municipal civil infraction as provided by law (MCL 600.8707(6)).

SECTION VI -- ACCOUNT OF CIVIL FINES

The Municipal Ordinance Violations Bureau Clerk or other designated employee shall retain all municipal ordinance violation notices, shall account to the Township Board once a month concerning the number of admissions and denials or responsibility made concerning municipal civil infractions and the amount of fines collected. The amounts collected in civil fines shall be turned over to the Township Treasurer to be placed in the general fund of the Township.

SECTION VII -- AVAILABILITY OF OTHER ENFORCEMENT REMEDIES

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be deemed to obligate the Township to initiate its ordinance enforcement activity through the issuance of a municipal ordinance violation notice. The Township shall have the right to directly proceed with the issuance of a municipal civil infraction citation for any municipal civil infraction or to take such other enforcement action as is authorized by law.

SECTION VIII -- SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or subsection is declared void or inoperable for any reason, it shall not affect any other part or portion thereof.

SECTION IX -- REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION X -- EFFECTIVE DATE

The ordinance shall take effect 2/1/2004 following adoption by the Township Board on 1/12/2004

Sharon K. Hartman

Adopted: 1/12/2004
Published: 1/22/2004
Effective: 2/1/2004

NOTICE OF OFFICE VACANCY MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP

Maple Forest Township will be filling the position of Township Trustee. The person appointed will hold this office until the regular election in November 2004.

Candidates must be a qualified elector of Maple Forest Township (18yrs. of age, a U.S. citizen, and have lived in the Township at least 30 days, (Property ownership is NOT required) and registered to vote. Applicants must be available to attend the regularly scheduled meetings of Maple Forest Township scheduled the second Tuesday of each month.

Those interested in filling this position should mail a resume' to Mark D. Kniss 7416 N. Sherman Rd. Frederic, MI. 49733, and must be received on or before February 6, 2004. Resumes' Received after that date will not be given consideration.

Appointment will be made at the regularly scheduled meeting on February 10, 2004.

Mark D. Kniss
Supervisor
Maple Forest Township

SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING FOR GENERAL AND SPECIAL FUNDS

The South Branch Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed Township Budget for fiscal year 2004-2005 at South Branch Township Hall, 5245 N M-18, Roscommon, MI 48653, on February 10, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed Budget will be a subject of the hearing.

A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the South Branch Township Hall.

The South Branch Township board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 10 days notice to the Township Board. Individuals with disabilities should contact the Board by writing or calling Joe Myers, Supervisor, South Branch Township Hall, P.O. Box 606, Roscommon, MI 48653. 989-275-8232.

Notice complies with MCL 141.436 & MCL 211.240

BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT TO TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE ORDINANCE #26

TO: The Residents and property owners of Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, Michigan
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that amendments to Article XIX, Administration and Enforcement, of the Beaver Creek Township Zoning Ordinance has been Adopted by the Township Board on January 12, 2004. A copy of the amendments may be obtained or inspected at the Beaver Creek Township offices, 8888 S. Grayling Road, Grayling, MI 49738 during regular business hours, telephone 989-275-8878.

Sharon K. Hartman, Clerk
Beaver Creek Township
Effective: February 1, 2004

Public Notice

MNL's

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MPA's

FEATURES

A Look At Our Past FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago January 22, 1981

Harris-Crestline trucker Larry Glynn climbed aboard a sleek company vehicle last Wednesday afternoon, aimed for dropoff points in southern Michigan with the Grayling assembly plants first shipment of windows and door products.

Grayling High wrestlers with the first place trophies they claimed at the Kalkaska Invationals Wrestling Tournament held Saturday. The Vikes defeated seven other teams to win the top spot for the third year in a row.

The students at Louise's Dance Studio performed a superb Christmas Ballet December 6th with the \$528 proceeds going to the Reye's Syndrome Foundation for awareness and research programs about the dreaded disease.

Lake Superior State College Freshman Burt Partello of Grayling was credited by the Lakers for a key victory in the teams recent 43-2 shellacking of Oakland University.

Crawford County elected officials were officially sworn into office January 1st, assuming control of county govern-

ment for the next four years. Circuit Court Judge William Porter gave the oath of office, County Clerk Leo Lovely, Undersheriff Dean Goss, Sheriff Joe White, Treasurer Joe Wakeley and Prosecuting Attorney John Huss.

Board of Commission members are John Miller, Larry Mattis, Mary Harland, Matt Bidvia, Walter Nowak, Jeanette Kitchen and Andie Neilson.

Four Crawford County Special Olympian were part of a group of a dozen local Olympians who traveled to Crystal Mt. Resort last week to participate in the Northern Michigan Winter Special Olympics. Pepper Gorten, David Argue, Pam Gallan and Tom Tar spent three days at the Northwest Michigan Resort competing in winter sports along with 200 other Special Olympians from throughout Northern Michigan. The athletes were sponsored by the Area 4 - Northland Special Olympics Committee.

46 Years Ago January 23, 1958

Former Winter Snow Queens will be featured in a parade on February 8, 1958: 1931, Loretta Kessler; 1936, Virginia Millikin; 1940,

Norberta Sawyer; 1941, Yvonne Westerholm; 1942, Thelma Madsen; 1946, Marjorie Harwood; 1951, Betty Jane Haslem; 1954, Phyllis Rockelman and 1957, Elaine Goss.

Entered in the Miss Michigan Snow Queen contest of 1958 at this early date are but two contestants; Miss Grayling, Marjorie Wolff and Miss Lovells Winter Playland, Caroline Moyer. Governor G. Mennen Williams of Michigan will officiate at the coronation ceremonies.

Richard Durant of Detroit, a member of the Grayling State Bank's Board of Directors, was elected as the new president of the institution and also named chairman of the board at the Bank's annual meeting held on Tuesday afternoon.

The old Mercy Hospital has been purchased by Jack Millikin, according to Sister Marietta, hospital administrator, work is to be started this week on tearing the old building down. The decision to remove the building was made because of the excessive cost to remodel or use as a convalescent home. The old hospital was condemned several years ago as having inadequate fire protection, after which a sprinkling system was installed by the Sisters. How

ever since it is a frame building, the cost of further fire-proofing the building for resale would be too great.

69 Years Ago January 24, 1935

Grayling's High School's Green wave rolled over Roscommon- the team's eighth win in ten starts as the boys subdued the invaders by a 23 to 9 score. The reserve team came through to make it complete with a 14 to 7 victory.

92 Years Ago January 25, 1912

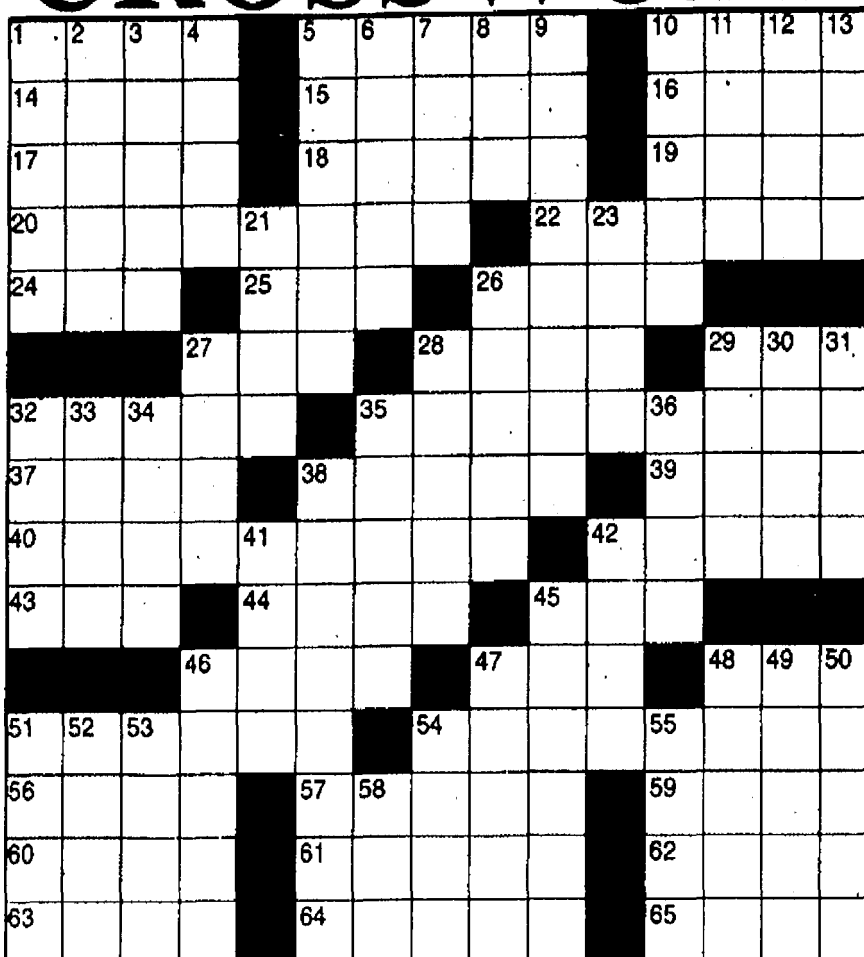
The Michigan Central Railroad Company is filling its ice house here. The ice comes from George Lake near West Branch and is about fourteen inches thick.

Grant Shaw has purchased building lots on Michigan Avenue from J. Kraus and will build a residence as soon as the weather will permit.

T.E. Douglas at Lovells is putting up ice. He says he will put up about 1,000 cakes for his own use and to sell to others.

About twenty - two couples attended the Married Couples Dance at the opera house last Monday night. These partners seem to be having a good time, most say they have a better time every year.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Son of Rebekah
5. Make jagged
10. Choreographer Michael
14. Oil-drilling platforms
15. Italian seaport
16. Mrs. Nick Charles
17. Jacket type
18. Window material
19. Solar deity
20. Type of bacon
22. Ambush
24. ___ one's patience
25. At all
26. "Bury my heart at Wounded ___"
27. Toupee, slangily
28. Youthful suffix
29. "Long ___ and Far Away"
32. Twin of 1 Across
35. Deteriorating, as a condition
37. Hollywood biggies
38. Football game segments
39. Bridge expert Sharif
40. Cooking measures
42. Waste maker
43. Fast plane
44. "Big Daddy" Burl
45. Questioning cry
46. Fantastic Four leader Richards

DOWN

47. ___ voyage
48. Author Weldon
51. Halt
54. Protect from waste
56. "Song of the ___ Road" (Whitman)
57. Love madly
59. Pipe fittings
60. 80's teen idol Springfield
61. Is indolent
62. Sped
63. Congressional passages
64. Most insignificant
65. Aphid farmers
21. Smear
23. Hawaiian bird
26. Joanna of Growing Pains
27. Antarctic island
28. Large villages
29. Zeros in
30. Pesky bug
31. Dreadful monster
32. Riff and Baby John's gang
33. Chronological periods
34. Turn or over follower
35. Courted
36. Ark skipper
38. Carpenter's joint
41. Bakery items
42. 5th-century invaders
45. Would I lie?
46. Skating places
47. Wet blankets
48. Refrigeration gas
49. Ward off
50. Sycophant's answers
51. "Dumb" character of comics
52. "Beowulf" e.g.
53. Lubavitchers e.g.
54. Designated driver's order
55. "Tell Mama" singer James
58. Ike's monogram

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Louisiana Seafood ~ Seafood Gumbo

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| 1 1/2 | cups oil |
| 1 1/2 | cups flour |
| 3 | cups scallions, chopped |
| 2 | cups yellow onion, chopped |
| 5 | cloves garlic, chopped |
| 1 | tsp. dill weed |
| 4 | bay leaves, whole |
| | Cayenne pepper to taste |
| 3 | lbs. Louisiana shrimp, 31-35 count, peeled |
| 3 | qts. water, hot |
| 1 | lb. Louisiana blue crab claw meat |
| 1 | lb. Louisiana lump blue crab meat |
| 1 | pt. Louisiana oysters, reserving liquid |

In large heavy pot over low flame, brown flour in oil, stirring constantly, until golden brown. Add vegetables, herbs and seasonings; gently stir until vegetables are soft. Add shrimp and simmer until pink. Pour in hot water and reserved oyster liquid; blend carefully. Add crab meat and cook over medium heat approximately 45 minutes. Add lump crabmeat and oysters. Cook until oyster edges curl, about 5 minutes. Ladle gumbo over rice in soup bowl.

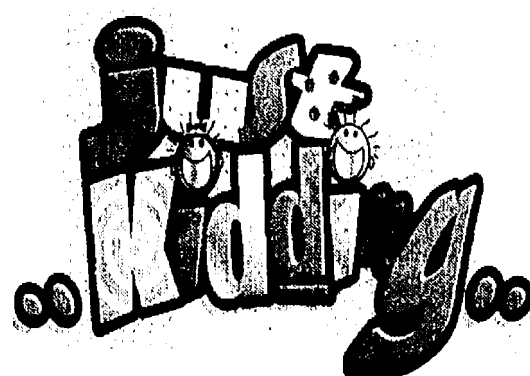
SEEK AND FIND

FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

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| BAKE | CHOP | MIX |
| BLEND | DICE | SAUTE |
| BOIL | FRY | SIFT |
| BOIL | MEASURE | STIR |

THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

M E A S U R S A U T
D I S E M I X M I Z
A S B L E N D I C E
D F R G A H J Y Y U
C H O P S T I R O I
B O I L U S I F T Y
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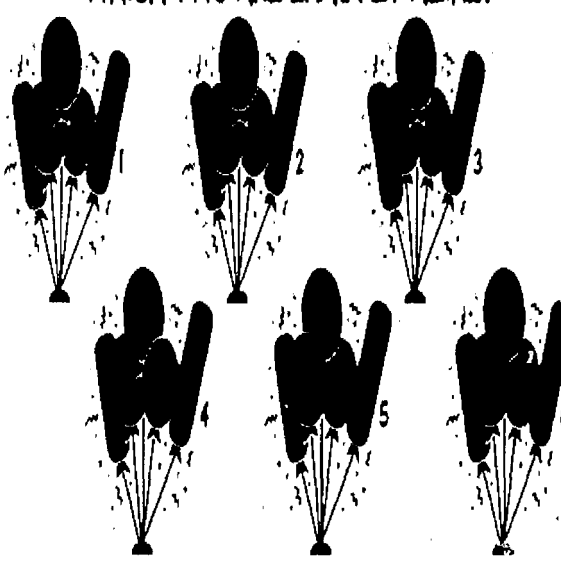


DID YOU KNOW

The world's youngest parents were 8 & 9, and lived in China in 1910

FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



HOROSCOPES

For the Week of January 22, 2004



Life is full of surprises. Take each one as it comes and savor the good ones. A romance blossoms between friends.

December 22-January 19



A young friend is going through a difficult time. Offer your support but don't overstep your bounds. They may need to turn to their parents for help.

March 21-April 19



You're typically a wallflower, but this week your social side comes out. You have a smile and kind words for everyone.

June 22-July 22



A spat occurs at work. Stay out of it. Too many people are involved as it is. A phone call results in a flurry of activity.

September 23-October 22



You overhear a private conversation. Keep what you learn to yourself. When the time is right, your relatives will tell you what is going on.

July 20-August 18



No matter how hard you try to forget them, some memories will always be with you. Learn to live with them.

April 20-May 20



You receive good news. Get your friends and family together and celebrate. A delightful gift arrives in the mail.

July 23-August 22



A relative's debts stacking up. Do what you can to help, but remember you're not a bank nor are you a financial wizard.

October 23-November 21



You're usually a hard worker, but this week you're running on empty. Focus on the more mundane tasks at work and home, and find some time to relax.

May 19-June 22



A blunder turns into a blessing. Be thankful and make a mental note to be more careful next time. A friend needs a favor.

May 21-June 21



You've invested too much money and time in a home improvement project to give up now. Take a break, do some research and then attack!

August 23-September 22



Life is about to take a pleasant turn. You will learn to see others as they are and they will stop judging you.

November 22-December 21

Adopt a Pet



Nomad is a beautiful English Setter. He is neutered, has all of his shots, and has been heartworm tested. He is friendly and gets along well with other dogs! We still have some openings for low cost cat spays and neuters. Please call 348-4117 or 348-9178. Lets stop the senseless killing of the cats and kittens in our community!

2004 Pet Calendars are still available for a donation of only \$5 each! The calendar is colorful and has the right sized date squares to log all of your important dates. We think the calendar will make a great affordable holiday gift for anyone of any age. Also, we still have about 25 Creature Comfort Cookbooks. Buy one for a donation of only \$15. We are now sold out of our Wild AnimalOpoly games! Stop by the Avalanche or the Shelter to purchase one (or both) of these great fund-raiser items. Cookbooks are also available at Riverland Gear and the Medicine Shoppe in Grayling. All proceeds go to the shelter.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling

Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall

Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 3 pm; Sun. and Holidays 8 am - 11 am

After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week

Date	H	L	Snow
1/14	17	4	8
1/15	15	-1	13
1/16	4	-12	13
1/17	14	-13	15
1/18	22	10	17
1/19	17	10	17
1/20	13	2	17

Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Temp	Wind	Snow	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
1/21	14	15	21	14	17	22	14	15	21	14	17	22	14	15	21	14
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ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

Crawford County Avalanche

1. Real Estate

TWO BEDROOM one bath, 1.5 acres, private road behind Sherwood Forest. New roof, hardwood floors, carpet, full length front & back decks, covered and much more. Great starter home. \$69,500. (989) 344-6858. (-22-29/1)

1. Real Estate

NEW THREE BEDROOM, two car attached, five miles east of town. \$87,000 (989) 348-4840 (-8-15-22-29/1)

MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN Properties www.century21grayling.com (1/7/99/t/1)

1. Real Estate

HOUSE FOR SALE Three bedroom ranch, full basement partially finished, carport, 24 x 30 deck, great neighborhood, 1.5 miles from town, close to all schools. \$64,999. (989) 348-9703 (1/8/04/t/1)

1. Real Estate

3 BEDROOM, 1 BATH, 2 1/2 acres, 2 car garage, storage shed, nice big yard, perfect up north retreat, 7 miles from Grayling. \$75,000 (989) 344-7669 1-800-848-1268 (1/8/04/t/1)

MINUTES FROM GRAYLING Great rental investment or nice home in Roscommon village. Due to illness only \$25,000 firm. (989) 578-3598 (-15-22/1)

4-5 PLUS ACRES of secluded land. Lots of pines and oaks. Close to snowmobile trail. \$16,500 or \$3,500 down. \$276.21 per month. (810) 231-1265. (-15-22/1)

BECOME A HOMEOWNER Free Homebuyer Classes now forming. We can help you clean up bad credit, learn financial management skills and prepare a budget you can live with. Call Alice at Northern Homes CDC to reserve your space. Classes starting in January at a location near you. Call Now! Toll free (866) 637-1834. (LR1/22/04/1)

FIVE BEDROOM Completely remodeled 1,800 sq. ft. 210 Mikado St. Two baths all new, roof, siding, windows, doors, drywall, kitchen, baths, plumbing, electric, 90 percent efficient furnace, carpet, floor covering, interior doors, cabinets, finished back porch, extra lot. Priced to sell at \$126,000. Call owner (989) 348-4716. (1/15/04/t/1)

THAT VACATION CABIN OR HOME can always be found in the Avalanche Real Estate Classifieds. (989) 348-6811

2. For Rent

VIKING VILLAGE APARTMENT is now accepting applications for immediate occupancy, as well as waiting list positions. Very nice, two bedroom, two bath apartments with an attached garage and central air conditioning in a private secluded setting. Lease includes appliances, weekly garbage pickup, snow removal, and lawn care. Paved street, natural gas. Credit application required. No pets. Inquire at Farm Bureau Insurance - Herb Olson (989) 348-9456. (10/30/03/t/2)

CABINS FOR RENT on 30 acres at Lost Acres, one bedroom, 11010 N. Old U.S. 27, south of Waters. Wooded, quiet, walk to Blue Gill Lake. \$375, plus \$200 security, all utilities included. No pets, call toll free 877-227-6976 or 586-216-0682. (11/13/03/t/2)

RIVER FOREST FAMILY apartments at the corner of Hannah and Ballenger in Roscommon has one and two bedroom units available. Rent based on income. No Minimum Rent. Heat included. Applications at office on site or call (989) 275-4061 or 10-800-225-7982. Mention this ad and we pay your electric for two months. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 442 W. Baldwin Street, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal Housing Opportunity. Hearing TDD # 1-800-855-1155. (-8-15-22-29/2)

HOUSE FOR RENT in Frederic \$500 month plus utilities. Call (989) 348-6173. (-22-29/2)

2. For Rent

FOR LEASE COMMERCIAL Building. Approximately 4,000 ft. great retail location at light on M-72 West and 93. Call for details. (989) 348-8659 (11/20/03/t/2)

TWO BEDROOM MOBILE home for rent. Newly refurbished. New carpeting. Inquire (989) 619-2800 daytime, (989) 348-0194 nights. (10/23/03/t/2)

MOBILE HOME two bedroom, new carpet, in wooded setting at 11006 N. Old U.S. 27. \$395 plus security and utilities. No pets. Toll free 877-227-6976 or 586-216-0682. Walk to lake. (11/13/03/t/2)

RIVERVIEW SENIOR APARTMENTS 306 Knight Street in Grayling has one bedroom units. Persons must be 62 years or older and/or handicapped or disabled of any age. Rent based on income. No Minimum Rent. Applications at office on site or call Linda at 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 442 W. Baldwin Street, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal Housing Opportunity. Hearing TDD # 1-800-855-1155. (-8-15-22-29/2)

WEEKLY AND MONTHLY house rentals near Roscommon, Grayling, Higgins Lake and Houghton Lake. Higgins North Cottage Rentals. (989) 821-3434 (12/25/03/t/2)

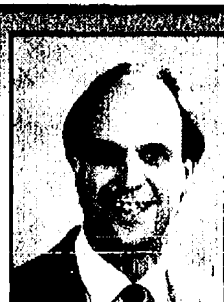
ONE BEDROOM second floor apartment. Suitable for single or couple. Newly refurbished, carpeted, washer, No smoking, or pets. References, deposit, annual lease and utilities required. (989) 348-7868 (-22-29-5/2)



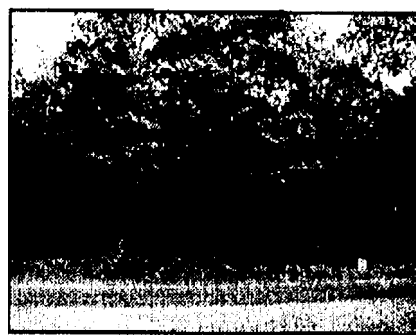
CHARLENE SCHEER
Broker / Owner
Licensed Real Estate Appraiser
CRA, CMA, CRE, ABR

RE/MAX OF Grayling

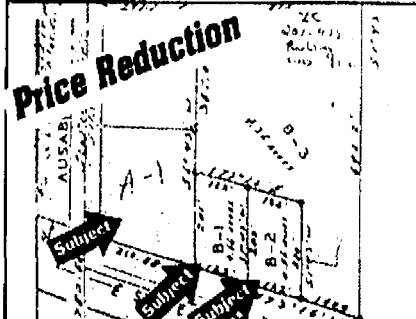
EACH OFFICE INDEPENDENTLY OWNED & OPERATED



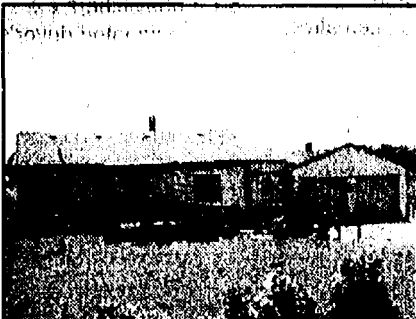
CRAIG HINKLE
Broker/Owner
State Licensed Appraiser



GUTHRIE LAKES LOT #6531 Nice mixture with hardwoods and an excellent location to build. Association dues \$250.00 per year. Electricity at road, blacktop, 15 minutes North of Grayling and 15 minutes South of Gaylord. Some of the many amenities property owners enjoy: clubhouse, swimming pool, bathhouse and dock, beach and play area, park and picnic tables, nature area, volleyball court and much more. CS-1625 \$6,000



505 FEET OF PRIME COMMERCIAL FRONTAGE ON M-72 WEST! Cleared building site with mixture of trees. Corner of M-72 West and AuSable Trail Road. Cash/Possible Land Contract. CS-1415 \$126,500



NEAT AND CLEAN WITH COUNTRY SETTING Newly remodeled home on 2.5 acres. 920 s.f., 2 B/R, 1 bath, 36x24 garage. Updated windows, garage doors, and floor covering. Hard-cap accessible, landscaped yard, fenced in back yard. To include stove refrigerator, washer, and dryer. Firepit. Close to snowmobile trails, state land and lakes. 1 1/2 miles from I-75. CS-1771 \$69,500



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3 B/R HOME WITH STUDIO/GUEST HOUSE Freshly remodeled and redecorated country home 1,515 s.f., 3 B/R, sunken living room with gas fireplace. Dining room with brick fireplace. 24x28 garage with 576 s.f. finished studio/guest house, wheelchair and bath. Landscaped yard with flower beds, gardens, and pond. Energy efficient with natural gas heat. Gerhart-Higgins School District. CH-1876 \$119,500



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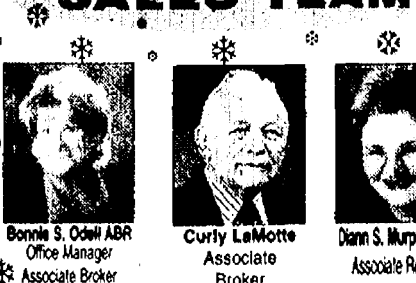


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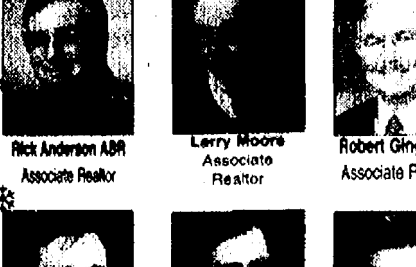


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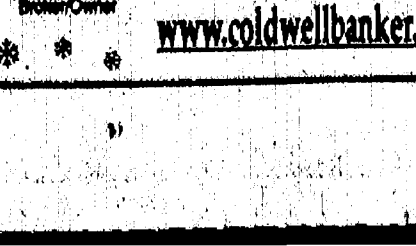
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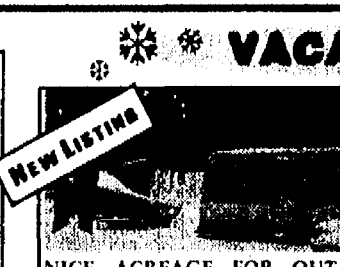
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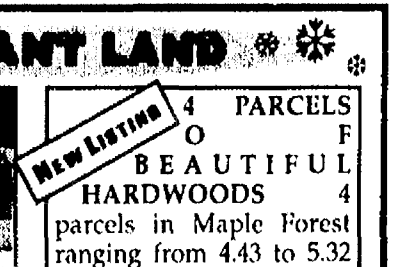
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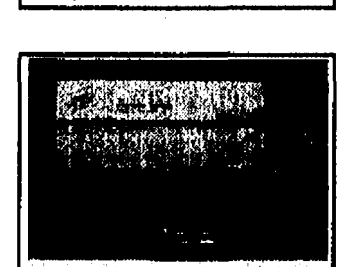
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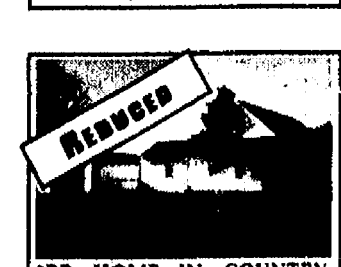
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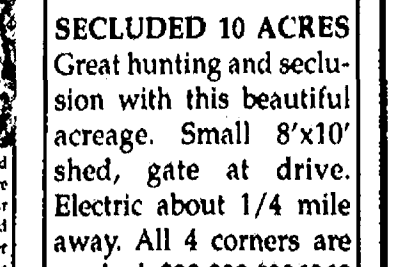
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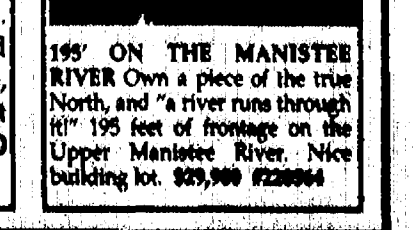
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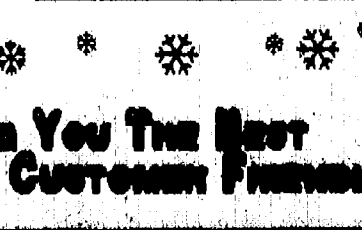
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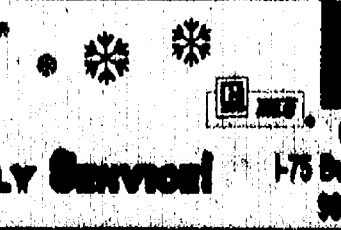
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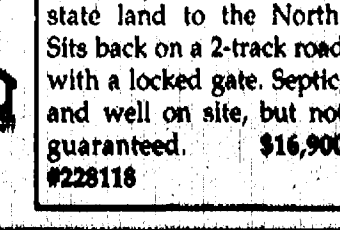
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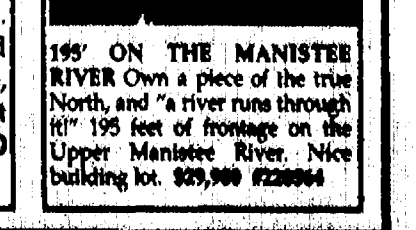
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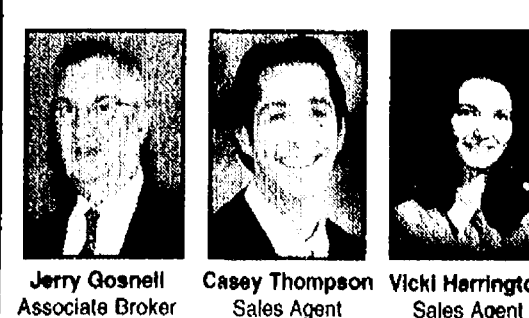
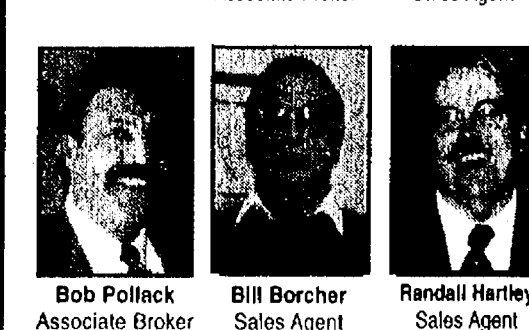
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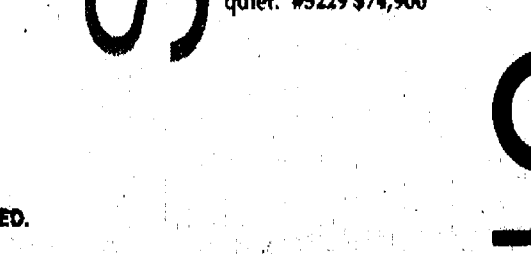
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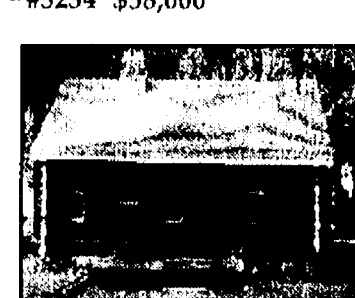
Three bedroom home with 1 full bath and a full basement. Located close to the hospital and within walking distance to downtown. Two car detached, insulated garage with extra room for workshop or storage. Home is in a quiet neighborhood, ideal for seniors looking for peace and quiet. #5229 \$74,900



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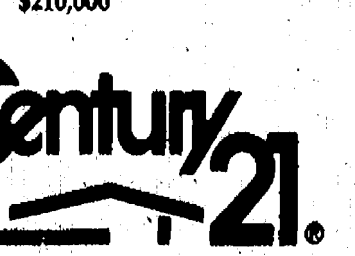
Located in the heart of the North, snowmobile country, this cute 2 B/R home features a drive-thru garage...Don't wrestle with your machines! Seller is motivated. Home is located at the end of a side street in Frederic. #5234 \$58,000



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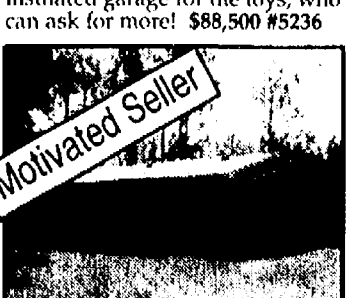
This 1996 home has a very nice floor plan with master bedroom suite. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths and a full basement. Situated on a nice one acre parcel out of town, offering seclusion. Public fishing site on the Ausable River is about 2 miles away. #5034 \$68,500



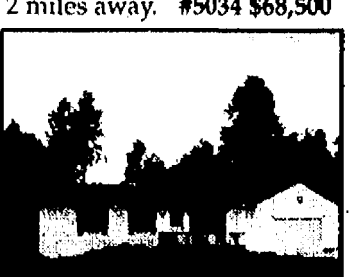
Great location! Convenient to bike trails, City of Grayling, and High School. Nice, 3 bedroom home features a 26x26 attached garage, a large fenced back yard, 2 sheds and kids play house. #5159 \$78,000



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